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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-NINTH CONGRESS commenced this day conformably to the Constitution of the United States; and the Senate assembled, at the city of Washington,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1845.

PRESENT:

From the State of New Hampshire,

The Honorable { Charles G. Atherton,
Benning W. Jenness.

From the State of Massachusetts,

The Honorable John Davis.

From the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,

The Honorable { Albert C. Greene,
James F. Simmons.

From the State of Connecticut,

The Honorable { Jabez W. Huntington,
John M. Niles.

From the State of Vermont,

The Honorable { Samuel S. Phelps,
William Upham.

From the State of New York,

The Honorable John A. Dix.

From the State of New Jersey,

The Honorable { William L. Dayton,
Jacob W. Miller.

From the State of Pennsylvania,

The Honorable { Simon Cameron,
Daniel Sturgeon

From the State of Delaware,

The Honorable { Thomas Clayton, / John M. Clayton.

From the State of Maryland,

The Honorable Reverdy Johnson.

From the State of Virginia,

The Honorable William S. Archer.

From the State of North Carolina,

The Honorable { William H. Haywood, / Willie P. Mangum.

From the State of South Carolina,

The Honorable George McDuffie.

From the State of Georgia,

The Honorable Walter T. Colquitt.

From the State of Kentucky,

The Honorable John J. Crittenden.

From the State of Tennessee,

The Honorable Hopkins L. Turney.

From the State of Ohio,

The Honorable { William Allen, / Thomas Corwin.

From the State of Louisiana,

The Honorable Henry Johnson.

From the State of Indiana,

The Honorable Edward A. Hannegan.

From the State of Mississippi,

The Honorable { Joseph W. Chalmers, / Jesse Speight.

From the State of Illinois,

The Honorable { Sidney Breese, / James Semple.

From the State of Alabama,

The Honorable { Arthur P. Bagby, / Dixon H. Lewis.

From the State of Maine,

The Honorable { George Evans, / John Fairfield.

From the State of Missouri,

The Honorable { David R. Atchison, / Thomas H. Benton.

From the State of Arkansas,

The Honorable { Chester Ashley, / Ambrose H. Sevier.

From the State of Michigan,

The Honorable Lewis Cass.

From the State of Florida,

The Honorable { David Levy, / James D. Westcott, jr.

The Honorable George M. Dallas, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate, resumed the chair.

Mr. Sevier presented the credentials of the Hon. Hopkins L. Turney, elected a Senator by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee for six years, commencing on the 4th day of March, 1845, and ending on the 4th day of March, 1851; which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Turney, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Speight presented the credentials of the Hon. Joseph W. Chalmers, appointed a Senator by the governor of the State of Mississippi, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Robert J. Walker; which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Chalmers, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Crittenden presented the credentials of the Hon. John Davis, elected a Senator by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Isaac C. Bates; which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Davis, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Atherton presented the credentials of the Hon. Benning W. Jen-

ness, appointed a Senator by the governor of the State of New Hampshire, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Levi Woodbury; which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Jenness, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the credentials of the Hon. David Levy and the Hon. James D. Westcott, jr., elected Senators by the legislature of the State of Florida for the constitutional term. The credentials were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Levy and Mr. Westcott, and they took their seats in the Senate.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Senate proceed to ascertain the classes in which the Senators from the State of Florida shall be inserted, in conformity to the resolution of the 14th of May, 1789, and as the constitution requires; that the Secretary put into the ballot-box two papers of equal size, one of which shall be numbered two, and the other shall be numbered three, and each Senator shall draw out one paper; that the Senator who shall draw the paper numbered two, shall be inserted in the class of Senators whose term of service will expire the 3d day of March, 1849; and the Senator who shall draw the paper numbered three, shall be inserted in the class of Senators whose term of service will expire the 3d day of March, 1851.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That the daily hour of meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Cameron submitted the following resolution; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, having been amended on the motion of Mr. Niles, it was read a third time by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That each Senator be supplied during the present session with newspapers as heretofore, not exceeding the cost of three daily papers.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that quorums of the two houses have assembled, and that Congress are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 2, 1845.

The Hon. Spencer Jarnagin, from the State of Tennessee; the Hon. James A. Pearce, from the State of Maryland; and the Hon. William Woodbridge, from the State of Michigan, severally attended.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Speight, for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that quorums of the two houses have assembled; and the resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President of the Senate; and

Mr. Speight and Mr. Upham were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that John W. Davis, one of the Representatives from the State of Indiana, has been chosen Speaker; and that the House is now ready to proceed to business.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two houses is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and Mr. McDowell, Mr. Hopkins, and Mr. Winthrop have been appointed the committee on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Sevier, to classify the Senators from the State of Florida; and the resolution was agreed to.

Whereupon,

The papers, with the respective numbers specified in the resolution, were, by the Secretary, put into the ballot-box; when Mr. Levy drew No. 3, and is accordingly of the class of Senators whose terms of service will expire the 3d day of March, 1851, and Mr. Westcott drew No. 2, and is of the class of Senators whose terms of service will expire the 3d day of March, 1849.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Crittenden asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bills:

S. 1. A bill for the purchase of the stock of the Louisville and Portland Canal Company.

S. 2. A bill to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the rivers Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas.

The said bills were severally read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That so much of the 34th rule as requires the appointment of the several standing committees by ballot, at the present session, be suspended, and that the appointments be made by the President of the Senate.

Mr. Speight, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of each house has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the President stated that he would make a communication to each house forthwith.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Fellow-citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

It is to me a source of unaffected satisfaction to meet the Representatives of the States and the people in Congress assembled, as it will be to

receive the aid of their combined wisdom in the administration of public affairs. In performing, for the first time, the duty imposed on me by the constitution, of giving to you information of the state of the Union, and recommending to your consideration such measures as in my judgment are necessary and expedient, I am happy that I can congratulate you on the continued prosperity of our country. Under the blessings of Divine Providence and the benign influence of our free institutions, it stands before the world a spectacle of national happiness.

With our unexampled advancement in all the elements of national greatness, the affection of the people is confirmed for the union of the States, and for the doctrines of popular liberty, which lie at the foundation of our government.

It becomes us, in humility, to make our devout acknowledgments to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, for the inestimable civil and religious blessings with which we are favored.

In calling the attention of Congress to our relations with foreign Powers, I am gratified to be able to state, that, though with some of them there have existed since your last session serious causes of irritation and misunderstanding, yet no actual hostilities have taken place. Adopting the maxim in the conduct of our foreign affairs, to "ask nothing that is not right, and submit to nothing that is wrong," it has been my anxious desire to preserve peace with all nations; but, at the same time, to be prepared to resist aggression and maintain all our just rights.

In pursuance of the joint resolution of Congress, "for annexing Texas to the United States," my predecessor, on the third day of March, 1845, elected to submit the first and second sections of that resolution to the republic of Texas, as an overture, on the part of the United States, for her admission as a State into our Union. This election I approved, and accordingly the chargé d'affaires of the United States in Texas, under instructions of the tenth of March, 1845, presented these sections of the resolution for the acceptance of that republic. The executive government, the Congress, and the people of Texas in convention, have successively complied with all the terms and conditions of the joint resolution. A constitution for the government of the State of Texas, formed by a convention of deputies, is herewith laid before Congress. It is well known, also, that the people of Texas at the polls have accepted the terms of annexation, and ratified the constitution.

I communicate to Congress the correspondence between the Secretary of State and our chargé d'affaires in Texas; and also the correspondence of the latter with the authorities of Texas; together with the official documents transmitted by him to his own government.

The terms of annexation which were offered by the United States having been accepted by Texas, the public faith of both parties is solemnly pledged to the compact of their union. Nothing remains to consummate the event, but the passage of an act by Congress to admit the State of Texas into the Union upon an equal footing with the original States. Strong reasons exist why this should be done at an early period of the session. It will be observed that, by the constitution of Texas, the existing government is only continued temporarily till Congress can act; and that the third Monday of the present month is the day appointed for holding the first general election. On that day a governor, a lieutenant-governor, and both branches of the legislature, will be chosen by the people.

The President of Texas is required, immediately after the receipt of official information that the new State has been admitted into our Union by Congress, to convene the legislature; and, upon its meeting, the existing government will be superseded, and the State government organized. Questions deeply interesting to Texas, in common with the other States; the extension of our revenue laws and judicial system over her people and territory, as well as measures of a local character, will claim the early attention of Congress; and, therefore, upon every principle of republican government, she ought to be represented in that body without unnecessary delay. I cannot too earnestly recommend prompt action on this important subject.

As soon as the act to admit Texas as a State shall be passed, the union of the two republics will be consummated by their own voluntary consent.

This accession to our territory has been a bloodless achievement. No arm of force has been raised to produce the result. The sword has had no part in the victory. We have not sought to extend our territorial possessions by conquest, or our republican institutions over a reluctant people. It was the deliberate homage of each people to the great principle of our federative union.

If we consider the extent of territory involved in the annexation—its prospective influence on America—the means by which it has been accomplished, springing purely from the choice of the people themselves to share the blessings of our union,—the history of the world may be challenged to furnish a parallel.

The jurisdiction of the United States, which at the formation of the federal constitution was bounded by the St. Mary's on the Atlantic, has passed the Capes of Florida, and been peacefully extended to the Del Norte. In contemplating the grandeur of this event, it is not to be forgotten that the result was achieved in despite of the diplomatic interference of European monarchies. Even France—the country which had been our ancient ally—the country which has a common interest with us in maintaining the freedom of the seas—the country which, by the cession of Louisiana, first opened to us access to the Gulf of Mexico—the country with which we have been every year drawing more and more closely the bonds of successful commerce—most unexpectedly, and to our unfeigned regret, took part in an effort to prevent annexation, and to impose on Texas, as a condition of the recognition of her independence by Mexico, that she would never join herself to the United States. We may rejoice that the tranquil and pervading influence of the American principle of self-government was sufficient to defeat the purposes of British and French interference, and that the almost unanimous voice of the people of Texas has given to that interference a peaceful and effective rebuke. From this example, European governments may learn how vain diplomatic arts and intrigues must ever prove upon this continent, against that system of self-government which seems natural to our soil, and which will ever resist foreign interference.

Towards Texas, I do not doubt that a liberal and generous spirit will actuate Congress in all that concerns her interests and prosperity, and that she will never have cause to regret that she has united her "lone star" to our glorious constellation.

I regret to inform you that our relations with Mexico, since your last session, have not been of the amicable character which it is our desire to

cultivate with all foreign nations. On the sixth day of March last, the Mexican Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States made a formal protest, in the name of his government, against the joint resolution passed by Congress, "for the annexation of Texas to the United States," which he chose to regard as a violation of the rights of Mexico, and, in consequence of it, he demanded his passports. He was informed that the government of the United States did not consider this joint resolution as a violation of any of the rights of Mexico, or that it afforded any just cause of offence to his government; that the republic of Texas was an independent Power, owing no allegiance to Mexico, and constituting no part of her territory or rightful sovereignty and jurisdiction. He was also assured that it was the sincere desire of this government to maintain with that of Mexico relations of peace and good understanding. That functionary, however, notwithstanding these representations and assurances, abruptly terminated his mission, and shortly afterwards left the country. Our Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Mexico was refused all official intercourse with that government, and, after remaining several months, by the permission of his own government he returned to the United States. Thus, by the acts of Mexico, all diplomatic intercourse between the two countries was suspended.

Since that time Mexico has, until recently, occupied an attitude of hostility towards the United States—has been marshalling and organizing armies, issuing proclamations, and avowing the intention to make war on the United States, either by an open declaration, or by invading Texas. Both the Congress and convention of the people of Texas invited this government to send an army into that territory, to protect and defend them against the menaced attack. The moment the terms of annexation offered by the United States were accepted by Texas, the latter became so far a part of our own country, as to make it our duty to afford such protection and defence. I therefore deemed it proper, as a precautionary measure, to order a strong squadron to the coasts of Mexico, and to concentrate an efficient military force on the western frontier of Texas. Our army was ordered to take position in the country between the Nueces and the Del Norte, and to repel any invasion of the Texan territory which might be attempted by the Mexican forces. Our squadron in the gulf was ordered to co-operate with the army. But though our army and navy were placed in a position to defend our own and the rights of Texas, they were ordered to commit no act of hostility against Mexico, unless she declared war, or was herself the aggressor by striking the first blow. The result has been, that Mexico has made no aggressive movement, and our military and naval commanders have executed their orders with such discretion, that the peace of the two republics has not been disturbed.

Texas had declared her independence, and maintained it by her arms for more than nine years. She has had an organized government in successful operation during that period. Her separate existence, as an independent State, had been recognised by the United States and the principal Powers of Europe. Treaties of commerce and navigation had been concluded with her by different nations, and it had become manifest to the whole world that any further attempt on the part of Mexico to conquer her, or overthrow her government, would be vain. Even Mexico herself had become satisfied of this fact; and whilst the question of annexation was pending before the people of Texas, during the past summer, the gov-

ernment of Mexico, by a formal act, agreed to recognise the independence of Texas on condition that she would not annex herself to any other Power. The agreement to acknowledge the independence of Texas, whether with or without this condition, is conclusive against Mexico. The independence of Texas is a fact conceded by Mexico herself, and she had no right or authority to prescribe restrictions as to the form of government which Texas might afterwards choose to assume.

But though Mexico cannot complain of the United States on account of the annexation of Texas, it is to be regretted that serious causes of misunderstanding between the two countries continue to exist, growing out of unredressed injuries inflicted by the Mexican authorities and people on the persons and property of citizens of the United States, through a long series of years. Mexico has admitted these injuries, but has neglected and refused to repair them. Such was the character of the wrongs, and such the insults repeatedly offered to American citizens and the American flag by Mexico, in palpable violation of the laws of nations and the treaty between the two countries of the fifth of April, 1831, that they have been repeatedly brought to the notice of Congress by my predecessors. As early as the eighth of February, 1837, the President of the United States declared, in a message to Congress, that "the length of time since some of the injuries have been committed, the repeated and unavailing applications for redress, the wanton character of some of the outrages upon the persons and property of our citizens, upon the officers and flag of the United States, independent of recent insults to this government and people by the late extraordinary Mexican minister, would justify in the eyes of all nations immediate war." He did not, however, recommend an immediate resort to this extreme measure, which he declared, "should not be used by just and generous nations, confiding in their strength for injuries committed, if it can be honorably avoided;" but, in a spirit of forbearance, proposed that another demand be made on Mexico for that redress which had been so long and unjustly withheld. In these views, committees of the two houses of Congress, in reports made to their respective bodies, concurred. Since these proceedings more than eight years have elapsed, during which, in addition to the wrongs then complained of, others of an aggravated character have been committed on the persons and property of our citizens. A special agent was sent to Mexico in the summer of 1838, with full authority to make another and final demand for redress. The demand was made; the Mexican government promised to repair the wrongs of which we complained; and after much delay, a treaty of indemnity with that view was concluded between the two Powers on the eleventh of April, 1839, and was duly ratified by both governments. By this treaty a joint commission was created to adjudicate and decide on the claims of American citizens on the government of Mexico. The commission was organized at Washington on the twenty-fifth day of August, 1840. Their time was limited to eighteen months; at the expiration of which, they had adjudicated and decided claims amounting to two millions twenty-six thousand one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents in favor of citizens of the United States against the Mexican government, leaving a large amount of claims undecided. Of the latter, the American commissioners had decided in favor of our citizens claims amounting to nine hundred and twenty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty-seven dollars and eighty-eight cents,

which were left unacted on by the umpire authorized by the treaty. Still further claims, amounting to between three and four millions of dollars, were submitted to the board too late to be considered; and were left undisposed of. The sum of two millions twenty-six thousand one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents, decided by the board, was a liquidated and ascertained debt due by Mexico to the claimants, and there was no justifiable reason for delaying its payment according to the terms of the treaty. It was not, however, paid. Mexico applied for further indulgence; and, in that spirit of liberality and forbearance which has ever marked the policy of the United States towards that republic, the request was granted; and, on the thirtieth of January, 1843, a new treaty was concluded. By this treaty it was provided, that the interest due on the awards in favor of claimants under the convention of the eleventh of April, 1839, should be paid on the thirtieth of April, 1843; and that "the principal of the said awards, and the interest arising thereon, shall be paid in five years, in equal instalments every three months; the said term of five years to commence on the thirtieth day of April, 1843, as aforesaid." The interest due on the thirtieth day of April, 1843, and the three first of the twenty instalments, have been paid. Seventeen of these instalments remain unpaid, seven of which are now due.

The claims which were left undecided by the joint commission, amounting to more than three millions of dollars, together with other claims for spoliations on the property of our citizens, were subsequently presented to the Mexican government for payment, and were so far recognised that a treaty, providing for their examination and settlement by a joint commission, was concluded and signed at Mexico on the twentieth day of November, 1843. This treaty was ratified by the United States, with certain amendments, to which no just exception could have been taken; but it has not yet received the ratification of the Mexican government. In the mean time, our citizens who suffered great losses, and some of whom have been reduced from affluence to bankruptcy, are without remedy, unless their rights be enforced by their government. Such a continued and unprovoked series of wrongs could never have been tolerated by the United States, had they been committed by one of the principal nations of Europe. Mexico was, however, a neighboring sister republic, which, following our example, had achieved her independence, and for whose success and prosperity all our sympathies were early enlisted. The United States were the first to recognise her independence, and to receive her into the family of nations, and have ever been desirous of cultivating with her a good understanding. We have, therefore, borne the repeated wrongs she has committed, with great patience, in the hope that a returning sense of justice would ultimately guide her councils, and that we might, if possible, honorably avoid any hostile collision with her.

Without the previous authority of Congress, the Executive possessed no power to adopt or enforce adequate remedies for the injuries we had suffered, or to do more than to be prepared to repel the threatened aggression on the part of Mexico. After our army and navy had remained on the frontier and coasts of Mexico for many weeks, without any hostile movement on her part, though her menaces were continued, I deemed it important to put an end, if possible, to this state of things. With this view, I caused steps to be taken, in the month of September last, to ascertain distinctly, and in an authentic form, what the designs of the Mexi-

can government were; whether it was their intention to declare war, or invade Texas, or whether they were disposed to adjust and settle, in an amicable manner, the pending differences between the two countries. On the ninth of November an official answer was received, that the Mexican government consented to renew the diplomatic relations which had been suspended in March last; and for that purpose were willing to accredit a minister from the United States. With a sincere desire to preserve peace, and restore relations of good understanding between the two republics, I waived all ceremony as to the manner of renewing diplomatic intercourse between them; and, assuming the initiative, on the tenth of November a distinguished citizen of Louisiana was appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Mexico, clothed with full powers to adjust, and definitively settle, all pending differences between the two countries, including those of boundary between Mexico and the State of Texas. The minister appointed has set out on his mission, and is probably by this time near the Mexican capital. He has been instructed to bring the negotiation with which he is charged to a conclusion at the earliest practicable period; which, it is expected, will be in time to enable me to communicate the result to Congress during the present session. Until that result is known, I forbear to recommend to Congress such ulterior measures of redress for the wrongs and injuries we have so long borne, as it would have been proper to make had no such negotiation been instituted.

Congress appropriated, at the last session, the sum of two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars for the payment of the April and July instalments of the Mexican indemnities for the year 1844: "Provided it shall be ascertained to the satisfaction of the American government that said instalments have been paid by the Mexican government to the agent appointed by the United States to receive the same, in such manner as to discharge all claim on the Mexican government, and said agent to be delinquent in remitting the money to the United States."

The unsettled state of our relations with Mexico has involved this subject in much mystery. The first information, in an authentic form, from the agent of the United States appointed under the administration of my predecessor, was received at the State Department on the ninth of November last. This is contained in a letter, dated the seventeenth of October, addressed by him to one of our citizens then in Mexico, with a view of having it communicated to that department. From this it appears that the agent, on the twentieth of September, 1844, gave a receipt to the treasury of Mexico for the amount of the April and July instalments of the indemnity. In the same communication, however, he asserts that he had not received a single dollar in cash; but that he holds such securities as warranted him at the time in giving the receipt, and entertains no doubt but that he will eventually obtain the money. As these instalments appear never to have been actually paid by the government of Mexico to the agent, and as that government has not therefore been released so as to discharge the claim, I do not feel myself warranted in directing payment to be made to the claimants out of the treasury, without further legislation. Their case is, undoubtedly, one of much hardship; and it remains for Congress to decide whether any, and what, relief ought to be granted to them. Our minister to Mexico has been instructed to ascertain the facts

of the case from the Mexican government, in an authentic and official form, and report the result with as little delay as possible.

My attention was early directed to the negotiation, which, on the fourth of March last, I found pending at Washington between the United States and Great Britain, on the subject of the Oregon territory. Three several attempts had been previously made to settle the questions in dispute between the two countries, by negotiation, upon the principle of compromise; but each had proved unsuccessful.

These negotiations took place at London, in the years 1818, 1824, and 1826; the two first under the administration of Mr. Monroe, and the last under that of Mr. Adams. The negotiation of 1818 having failed to accomplish its object, resulted in the convention of the twentieth of October of that year. By the third article of that convention, it was "agreed, that any country that may be claimed by either party on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony mountains, shall, together with its harbors, bays, and creeks, and the navigation of all rivers within the same, be free and open for the term of ten years from the date of the signature of the present convention, to the vessels, citizens, and subjects of the two Powers; it being well understood that this agreement is not to be construed to the prejudice of any claim which either of the two high contracting parties may have to any part of the said country, nor shall it be taken to affect the claims of any other Power or State to any part of the said country; the only object of the high contracting parties in that respect being to prevent disputes and differences among themselves."

The negotiation of 1824 was productive of no result, and the convention of 1818 was left unchanged.

The negotiation of 1826, having also failed to effect an adjustment by compromise, resulted in the convention of August the sixth, 1827, by which it was agreed to continue in force, for an indefinite period, the provisions of the third article of the convention of the twentieth of October, 1818; and it was further provided, that "it shall be competent, however, to either of the contracting parties, in case either should think fit, at any time after the twentieth of October, 1828, on giving due notice of twelve months to the other contracting party, to annul and abrogate this convention; and it shall, in such case, be accordingly entirely annulled and abrogated after the expiration of the said term of notice." In these attempts to adjust the controversy, the parallel of the forty-ninth degree of north latitude had been offered by the United States to Great Britain, and in those of 1818 and 1826, with a further concession of the free navigation of the Columbia river south of that latitude. The parallel of the forty-ninth degree, from the Rocky mountains to its intersection with the northeasternmost branch of the Columbia, and thence down the channel of that river to the sea, had been offered by Great Britain, with an addition of a small detached territory north of the Columbia. Each of these propositions had been rejected by the parties respectively.

In October, 1843, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States in London was authorized to make a similar offer to those made in 1818 and 1826. Thus stood the question, when the negotiation was shortly afterwards transferred to Washington; and, on the twenty-third of August, 1844, was formally opened, under the direction of my immediate predecessor. Like all the previous negotiations, it was based upon principles of "compromise;" and the avowed purpose of the

parties was, "to treat of the respective claims of the two countries to the Oregon territory, with the view to establish a permanent boundary between them westward of the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean." Accordingly, on the twenty-sixth of August, 1844, the British plenipotentiary offered to divide the Oregon territory by the forty-ninth parallel of north latitude, from the Rocky mountains to the point of its intersection with the northeasternmost branch of the Columbia river, and thence down that river to the sea; leaving the free navigation of the river to be enjoyed in common by both parties—the country south of this line to belong to the United States, and that north of it to Great Britain. At the same time, he proposed, in addition, to yield to the United States a detached territory, north of the Columbia, extending along the Pacific and the Straits of Fuca, from Bulfinch's harbor inclusive, to Hood's canal, and to make free to the United States any port or ports south of latitude forty-nine degrees, which they might desire, either on the main land, or on Quadra and Vancouver's island. With the exception of the free ports, this was the same offer which had been made by the British, and rejected by the American government, in the negotiation of 1826. This proposition was properly rejected by the American plenipotentiary on the day it was submitted. This was the only proposition of compromise offered by the British plenipotentiary. The proposition on the part of Great Britain having been rejected, the British plenipotentiary requested that a proposal should be made by the United States for "an equitable adjustment of the question."

When I came into office, I found this to be the state of the negotiation. Though entertaining the settled conviction, that the British pretensions of title could not be maintained to any portion of the Oregon territory upon any principle of public law recognised by nations, yet, in deference to what had been done by my predecessors, and especially in consideration that propositions of compromise had been thrice made, by two preceding administrations, to adjust the question on the parallel of forty-nine degrees, and in two of them yielding to Great Britain the free navigation of the Columbia, and that the pending negotiation had been commenced on the basis of compromise, I deemed it to be my duty not abruptly to break it off. In consideration, too, that under the conventions of 1818 and 1827, the citizens and subjects of the two Powers held a joint occupancy of the country, I was induced to make another effort to settle this long pending controversy in the spirit of moderation which had given birth to the renewed discussion. A proposition was accordingly made, which was rejected by the British plenipotentiary, who, without submitting any other proposition, suffered the negotiation on his part to drop, expressing his trust that the United States would offer what he saw fit to call "some further proposal for the settlement of the Oregon question, more consistent with fairness and equity, and with the reasonable expectations of the British government." The proposition thus offered and rejected repeated the offer of the parallel of forty-nine degrees of north latitude, which had been made by two preceding administrations, but without proposing to surrender to Great Britain, as they had done, the free navigation of the Columbia river. The right of any foreign Power to the free navigation of any of our rivers, through the heart of our country, was one which I was unwilling to concede. It also embraced a provision to make free to Great Britain any port or ports on the cap of Quadra and Vancouver's island, south of this

parallel. Had this been a new question, coming under discussion for the first time, this proposition would not have been made. The extraordinary and wholly inadmissible demands of the British government, and the rejection of the proposition made in deference alone to what had been done by my predecessors, and the implied obligation which their acts seemed to impose, afford satisfactory evidence that no compromise which the United States ought to accept can be effected. With this conviction, the proposition of compromise which had been made and rejected, was, by my direction, subsequently withdrawn, and our title to the whole Oregon territory asserted, and, as is believed, maintained by irrefragable facts and arguments.

The civilized world will see in these proceedings a spirit of liberal concession on the part of the United States; and this government will be relieved from all responsibility which may follow the failure to settle the controversy.

All attempts at compromise having failed, it becomes the duty of Congress to consider what measures it may be proper to adopt for the security and protection of our citizens now inhabiting, or who may hereafter inhabit Oregon, and for the maintenance of our just title to that territory. In adopting measures for this purpose, care should be taken that nothing be done to violate the stipulations of the convention of 1827, which is still in force. The faith of treaties, in their letter and spirit, has ever been, and, I trust, will ever be, scrupulously observed by the United States. Under that convention, a year's notice is required to be given by either party to the other, before the joint occupancy shall terminate, and before either can rightfully assert or exercise exclusive jurisdiction over any portion of the territory. This notice it would, in my judgment, be proper to give; and I recommend that provision be made by law for giving it accordingly, and terminating in this manner the convention of the sixth of August, 1827.

It will become proper for Congress to determine what legislation they can, in the mean time, adopt without violating this convention. Beyond all question, the protection of our laws and our jurisdiction, civil and criminal, ought to be immediately extended over our citizens in Oregon. They have had just cause to complain of our long neglect in this particular, and have, in consequence, been compelled, for their own security and protection, to establish a provisional government for themselves. Strong in their allegiance and ardent in their attachment to the United States, they have been thus cast upon their own resources. They are anxious that our laws should be extended over them, and I recommend that this be done by Congress with as little delay as possible, in the full extent to which the British Parliament have proceeded in regard to British subjects in that territory, by their act of July the second, 1821, "for regulating the fur-trade, and establishing a criminal and civil jurisdiction within certain parts of North America." By this act Great Britain extended her laws and jurisdiction, civil and criminal, over her subjects engaged in the fur-trade in that territory. By it, the courts of the province of Upper Canada were empowered to take cognizance of causes civil and criminal. Justices of the peace and other judicial officers were authorized to be appointed in Oregon, with power to execute all process issuing from the courts of that province, and to "sit and hold courts of record for the trial of criminal offences and misdemeanors," not made the subject of capital punishment,

and also of civil cases, where the cause of action shall not "exceed in value the amount or sum of two hundred pounds."

Subsequent to the date of this act of Parliament, a grant was made from the "British crown" to the Hudson's Bay Company, of the exclusive trade with the Indian tribes in the Oregon territory, subject to a reservation that it shall not operate to the exclusion "of the subjects of any foreign States who, under or by force of any convention for the time being, between us and such foreign States respectively, may be entitled to, and shall be engaged in, the said trade."

It is much to be regretted, that while under this act British subjects have enjoyed the protection of British laws and British judicial tribunals throughout the whole of Oregon, American citizens in the same territory have enjoyed no such protection from their government. At the same time, the result illustrates the character of our people and their institutions. In spite of this neglect they have multiplied, and their number is rapidly increasing in that territory. They have made no appeal to arms, but have peacefully fortified themselves in their new homes, by the adoption of republican institutions for themselves; furnishing another example of the truth that self-government is inherent in the American breast, and must prevail. It is due to them that they should be embraced and protected by our laws.

It is deemed important that our laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes east of the Rocky mountains, should be extended to such tribes as dwell beyond them.

The increasing emigration to Oregon, and the care and protection which is due from the government to its citizens in that distant region, make it our duty, as it is our interest, to cultivate amicable relations with the Indian tribes of that territory. For this purpose, I recommend that provision be made for establishing an Indian agency, and such sub-agencies as may be deemed necessary, beyond the Rocky mountains.

For the protection of emigrants, whilst on their way to Oregon, against the attacks of the Indian tribes occupying the country through which they pass, I recommend that a suitable number of stockades and block-house forts be erected along the usual route between our frontier settlements on the Missouri and the Rocky mountains; and that an adequate force of mounted riflemen be raised, to guard and protect them on their journey. The immediate adoption of these recommendations by Congress will not violate the provisions of the existing treaty. It will be doing nothing more for American citizens than British laws have long since done for British subjects in the same territory.

It requires several months to perform the voyage by sea from the Atlantic States to Oregon; and although we have a large number of whale ships in the Pacific, but few of them afford an opportunity of interchanging intelligence, without great delay, between our settlements in that distant region and the United States. An overland mail is believed to be entirely practicable, and the importance of establishing such a mail, at least once a month, is submitted to the favorable consideration of Congress.

It is submitted to the wisdom of Congress to determine whether, at their present session, and until after the expiration of the year's notice, any other measures may be adopted consistently with the convention of 1827, for the security of our rights and the government and protection of our citizens in Oregon. That it will ultimately be wise and proper to make liberal grants

of land to the patriotic pioneers, who, amidst privations and dangers, lead the way through savage tribes inhabiting the vast wilderness intervening between our frontier settlements and Oregon, and who cultivate and are ever ready to defend the soil, I am fully satisfied. To doubt whether they will obtain such grants as soon as the convention between the United States and Great Britain shall have ceased to exist, would be to doubt the justice of Congress; but, pending the year's notice, it is worthy of consideration whether a stipulation to this effect may be made consistently with the spirit of that convention.

The recommendations which I have made, as to the best manner of securing our rights in Oregon, are submitted to Congress with great deference. Should they, in their wisdom, devise any other mode better calculated to accomplish the same object, it shall meet with my hearty concurrence.

At the end of the year's notice, should Congress think it proper to make provision for giving that notice, we shall have reached a period when the national rights in Oregon must either be abandoned or firmly maintained. That they cannot be abandoned without a sacrifice of both national honor and interest, is too clear to admit of doubt.

Oregon is a part of the North American continent, to which, it is confidently affirmed, the title of the United States is the best now in existence. For the grounds on which that title rests, I refer you to the correspondence of the late and present Secretary of State with the British plenipotentiary during the negotiation. The British proposition of compromise, which would make the Columbia the line south of forty-nine degrees, with a trifling addition of detached territory to the United States, north of that river, and would leave on the British side two-thirds of the whole Oregon territory, including the free navigation of the Columbia and all the valuable harbors on the Pacific, can never, for a moment, be entertained by the United States, without an abandonment of their just and clear territorial rights, their own self-respect, and the national honor. For the information of Congress, I communicate herewith the correspondence which took place between the two governments during the late negotiation.

The rapid extension of our settlements over our territories heretofore unoccupied; the addition of new States to our confederacy; the expansion of free principles, and our rising greatness as a nation, are attracting the attention of the Powers of Europe; and lately the doctrine has been broached in some of them, of a "balance of power" on this continent to check our advancement. The United States, sincerely desirous of preserving relations of good understanding with all nations, cannot in silence permit any European interference on the North American continent; and should any such interference be attempted, will be ready to resist it at any and all hazards.

It is well known to the American people and to all nations, that this government has never interfered with the relations subsisting between other governments. We have never made ourselves parties to their wars or their alliances; we have not sought their territories by conquest; we have not mingled with parties in their domestic struggles; and, believing our own form of government to be the best, we have never attempted to propagate it by intrigues, by diplomacy, or by force. We may claim on this continent a like exemption from European interference. The nations of America are equally sovereign and independent with those of Europe.

They possess the same rights, independent of all foreign interposition, to make war, to conclude peace, and to regulate their internal affairs. The people of the United States cannot, therefore, view with indifference attempts of European Powers to interfere with the independent action of the nations on this continent. The American system of government is entirely different from that of Europe. Jealousy among the different sovereigns of Europe, lest any one of them might become too powerful for the rest, has caused them anxiously to desire the establishment of what they term the "balance of power." It cannot be permitted to have any application on the North American continent, and especially to the United States. We must ever maintain the principle, that the people of this continent alone have the right to decide their own destiny. Should any portion of them, constituting an independent state, propose to unite themselves with our confederacy, this will be a question for them and us to determine, without any foreign interposition. We can never consent that European Powers shall interfere to prevent such a union, because it might disturb the "balance of power" which they may desire to maintain upon this continent. Near a quarter of a century ago, the principle was distinctly announced to the world, in the annual message of one of my predecessors, that "the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European Power." This principle will apply with greatly increased force, should any European Power attempt to establish any new colony in North America. In the existing circumstances of the world, the present is deemed a proper occasion to reiterate and reaffirm the principle avowed by Mr. Monroe, and to state my cordial concurrence in its wisdom and sound policy. The reassertion of this principle, especially in reference to North America, is, at this day, but the promulgation of a policy which no European Power should cherish the disposition to resist. Existing rights of every European nation should be respected; but it is due alike to our safety and our interests, that the efficient protection of our laws should be extended over our whole territorial limits, and that it should be distinctly announced to the world as our settled policy, that no future European colony or dominion shall, with our consent, be planted or established on any part of the North American continent.

A question has recently arisen under the tenth article of the subsisting treaty between the United States and Prussia. By this article, the consuls of the two countries have the right to sit as judges and arbitrators "in such differences as may arise between the captains and crews of the vessels belonging to the nation whose interests are committed to their charge, without the interference of the local authorities, unless the conduct of the crews or of the captain should disturb the order or tranquillity of the country; or the said consuls should require their assistance to cause their decisions to be carried into effect or supported."

The Prussian consul at New Bedford, in June, 1844, applied to Mr. Justice Story to carry into effect a decision made by him between the captain and crew of the Prussian ship Borussia; but the request was refused on the ground that, without previous legislation by Congress, the judiciary did not possess the power to give effect to this article of the treaty. The Prussian government, through their minister here, have complained of this violation of the treaty, and have asked the government of the

United States to adopt the necessary measures to prevent similar violations hereafter. Good faith to Prussia, as well as to other nations with whom we have similar treaty stipulations, requires that these should be faithfully observed. I have deemed it proper, therefore, to lay the subject before Congress, and to recommend such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to these treaty obligations.

By virtue of an arrangement made between the Spanish government and that of the United States, in December, 1831, American vessels, since the twenty-ninth of April, 1832, have been admitted to entry in the ports of Spain, including those of the Balearic and Canary islands, on payment of the same tonnage duty of five cents per ton, as though they had been Spanish vessels; and this, whether our vessels arrive in Spain directly from the United States, or indirectly from any other country. When Congress, by the act of the thirteenth of July, 1832, gave effect to this arrangement between the two governments, they confined the reduction of tonnage duty merely to Spanish vessels "coming from a port in Spain," leaving the former discriminating duty to remain against such vessels coming from a port in any other country. It is manifestly unjust that, whilst American vessels arriving in the ports of Spain from other countries pay no more duty than Spanish vessels, Spanish vessels arriving in the ports of the United States from other countries should be subjected to heavy discriminating tonnage duties. This is neither equality nor reciprocity, and is in violation of the arrangement concluded in December, 1831, between the two countries. The Spanish government have made repeated and earnest remonstrances against this inequality, and the favorable attention of Congress has been several times invoked to the subject by my predecessors. I recommend, as an act of justice to Spain, that this inequality be removed by Congress, and that the discriminating duties which have been levied under the act of the thirteenth of July, 1832, on Spanish vessels coming to the United States from any other foreign country, be refunded. This recommendation does not embrace Spanish vessels arriving in the United States from Cuba and Porto Rico, which will still remain subject to the provisions of the act of June thirtieth, 1834, concerning tonnage-duty on such vessels.

By the act of the fourteenth of July, 1832, coffee was exempted from duty altogether. This exemption was universal, without reference to the country where it was produced, or the national character of the vessel in which it was imported. By the tariff act of the thirtieth of August, 1842, this exemption from duty was restricted to coffee imported in American vessels from the place of its production; whilst coffee imported under all other circumstances was subjected to a duty of twenty per cent. *ad valorem*. Under this act, and our existing treaty with the King of the Netherlands, Java coffee imported from the European ports of that kingdom into the United States, whether in Dutch or American vessels, now pays this rate of duty. The government of the Netherlands complains that such a discriminating duty should have been imposed on coffee, the production of one of its colonies, and which is chiefly brought from Java to the ports of that kingdom, and exported from thence to foreign countries. Our trade with the Netherlands is highly beneficial to both countries, and our relations with them have ever been of the most friendly character. Under all the circumstances of the case, I recommend that this discrimination should be abolished, and that the coffee of Java, imported from the

Netherlands, be placed upon the same footing with that imported directly from Brazil and other countries where it is produced.

Under the eighth section of the tariff act of the thirtieth of August, 1842, a duty of fifteen cents per gallon was imposed on Port wine in casks; while, on the red wines of several other countries, when imported in casks, a duty of only six cents per gallon was imposed. This discrimination, so far as regarded the Port wine of Portugal, was deemed a violation of our treaty with that Power, which provides, that "No higher or other duties shall be imposed on the importation into the United States of America of any article the growth, produce, or manufacture of the kingdom and possessions of Portugal, than such as are or shall be payable on the like article being the growth, produce, or manufacture of any other foreign country." Accordingly, to give effect to the treaty, as well as to the intention of Congress, expressed in a proviso to the tariff act itself, that nothing therein contained should be so construed as to interfere with subsisting treaties with foreign nations, a treasury circular was issued on the sixteenth of July, 1844, which, among other things, declared the duty on the Port wine of Portugal, in casks, under the existing laws and treaty, to be six cents per gallon, and directed that the excess of duties which had been collected on such wine should be refunded. By virtue of another clause in the same section of the act, it is provided that all imitations of Port, or any other wines, "shall be subject to the duty provided for the genuine article." Imitations of Port wine, the production of France, are imported to some extent into the United States; and the government of that country now claims that, under a correct construction of the act, these imitations ought not to pay a higher duty than that imposed upon the original Port wine of Portugal. It appears to me to be unequal and unjust, that French imitations of Port wine should be subjected to a duty of fifteen cents, while the more valuable article from Portugal should pay a duty of six cents only per gallon. I therefore recommend to Congress such legislation as may be necessary to correct the inequality.

The late President, in his annual message of December last, recommended an appropriation to satisfy the claims of the Texan government against the United States, which had been previously adjusted, so far as the powers of the Executive extend. These claims arose out of the act of disarming a body of Texan troops under the command of Major Snively, by an officer in the service of the United States, acting under the orders of our government; and the forcible entry into the custom-house at Bryarly's landing, on Red river, by certain citizens of the United States, and taking away therefrom the goods seized by the collector of the customs as forfeited under the laws of Texas. This was a liquidated debt, ascertained to be due to Texas when an independent State. Her acceptance of the terms of annexation proposed by the United States does not discharge or invalidate the claim. I recommend that provision be made for its payment.

The commissioner appointed to China during the special session of the Senate in March last, shortly afterwards set out on his mission in the United States ship Columbus. On arriving at Rio de Janeiro on his passage, the state of his health had become so critical, that, by the advice of his medical attendants, he returned to the United States early in the month of October last. Commodore Biddle, commanding the East India squadron, proceeded on his voyage in the Columbus, and was charged

by the commissioner with the duty of exchanging with the proper authorities the ratifications of the treaty lately concluded with the Emperor of China. Since the return of the commissioner to the United States, his health has been much improved, and he entertains the confident belief that he will soon be able to proceed on his mission.

Unfortunately, differencs continue to exist among some of the nations of South America, which, following our example, have established their independence; while in others, internal dissensions prevail. It is natural that our sympathies should be warmly enlisted for their welfare; that we should desire that all controversies between them should be amicably adjusted, and their governments administered in a manner to protect the rights, and promote the prosperity of their people. It is contrary, however, to our settled policy, to interfere in their controversies, whether external or internal.

I have thus adverted to all the subjects connected with our foreign relations, to which I deem it necessary to call your attention. Our policy is not only peace with all, but good will towards all the Powers of the earth. While we are just to all, we require that all shall be just to us. Excepting the differences with Mexico and Great Britain, our relations with all civilized nations are of the most satisfactory character. It is hoped that in this enlightened age, these differences may be amicably adjusted.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report to Congress, will communicate a full statement of the condition of our finances. The imports for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth of June last, were of the value of one hundred and seventeen millions two hundred and fifty-four thousand five hundred and sixty-four dollars, of which the amount exported was fifteen millions three hundred and forty-six thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars—leaving a balance of one hundred and one millions nine hundred and seven thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars for domestic consumption. The exports for the same year were of the value of one hundred and fourteen millions six hundred and forty-six thousand six hundred and six dollars; of which, the amount of domestic articles was ninety-nine millions two hundred and ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and seventy-six dollars. The receipts into the treasury during the same year were twenty-nine millions seven hundred and sixty-nine thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars and fifty-six cents; of which, there were derived from customs twenty-seven millions five hundred and twenty eight thousand one hundred and twelve dollars and seventy cents; from sales of public lands, two millions seventy-seven thousand and twenty-two dollars and thirty cents; and from incidental and miscellaneous sources, one hundred and sixty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight dollars and fifty-six cents. The expenditures for the same period were twenty-nine millions nine hundred and sixty-eight thousand two hundred and six dollars and ninety-eight cents; of which, eight millions five hundred and eighty-eight thousand one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents were applied to the payment of the public debt. The balance in the treasury on the first of July last, was seven millions six hundred and fifty-eight thousand three hundred and six dollars and twenty-two cents.

The amount of the public debt remaining unpaid on the first of October last, was seventeen millions seventy-five thousand four hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty-two cents. Further payments of the public debt

would have been made, in anticipation of the period of its reimbursement under the authority conferred upon the Secretary of the Treasury by the acts of July twenty-first, 1841, and of April fifteenth, 1842, and March third, 1843, had not the unsettled state of our relations with Mexico menaced hostile collision with that Power. In view of such a contingency, it was deemed prudent to retain in the treasury an amount unusually large for ordinary purposes.

A few years ago, our whole national debt growing out of the Revolution and the war of 1812 with Great Britain was extinguished, and we presented to the world the rare and noble spectacle of a great and growing people who had fully discharged every obligation. Since that time, the existing debt has been contracted; and small as it is, in comparison with the similar burdens of most other nations, it should be extinguished at the earliest practicable period. Should the state of the country permit, and, especially, if our foreign relations interpose no obstacle, it is contemplated to apply all the moneys in the treasury, as they accrue beyond what is required for the appropriations by Congress, to its liquidation. I cherish the hope of soon being able to congratulate the country on its recovering once more the lofty position which it so recently occupied. Our country, which exhibits to the world the benefits of self-government, in developing all the sources of national prosperity, owes to mankind the permanent example of a nation free from the blighting influence of a public debt.

The attention of Congress is invited to the importance of making suitable modifications and reductions of the rates of duty imposed by our present tariff laws. The object of imposing duties on imports should be to raise revenue to pay the necessary expenses of government. Congress may, undoubtedly, in the exercise of a sound discretion, discriminate in arranging the rates of duty on different articles; but the discriminations should be within the revenue standard, and be made with the view to raise money for the support of government.

It becomes important to understand distinctly what is meant by a revenue standard, the maximum of which should not be exceeded in the rates of duty imposed. It is conceded, and experience proves, that duties may be laid so high as to diminish or prohibit altogether the importation of any given article, and thereby lessen or destroy the revenue which, at lower rates, would be derived from its importation. Such duties exceed the revenue rates, and are not imposed to raise money for the support of government. If Congress levy a duty for revenue of one per cent. on a given article, it will produce a given amount of money to the treasury, and will incidentally and necessarily afford protection or advantage to the amount of one per cent. to the home manufacturer of a similar or like article over the importer. If the duty be raised to ten per cent., it will produce a greater amount of money, and afford greater protection. If it be still raised to twenty, twenty-five, or thirty per cent., and if, as it is raised, the revenue derived from it is found to be increased, the protection or advantage will also be increased; but if it be raised to thirty-one per cent., and it is found that the revenue produced at that rate is less than at thirty per cent., it ceases to be a revenue duty. The precise point in the ascending scale of duties at which it is ascertained from experience that the revenue is greatest, is the maximum rate of duty which can be laid for the bona fide purpose of collecting money for the support of government. To raise the duties higher than that point, and thereby diminish the

amount collected, is to levy them for protection merely, and not for revenue. As long, then, as Congress may gradually increase the rate of duty on a given article, and the revenue is increased by such increase of duty, they are within the revenue standard. When they go beyond that point, and as they increase the duties, the revenue is diminished or destroyed; the act ceases to have for its object the raising of money to support government, but is for protection merely.

It does not follow that Congress should levy the highest duty on all articles of import which they will bear within the revenue standard; for such rates would probably produce a much larger amount than the economical administration of the government would require. Nor does it follow that the duties on all articles should be at the same, or a horizontal rate. Some articles will bear a much higher revenue duty than others. Below the maximum of the revenue standard Congress may and ought to discriminate in the rates imposed, taking care so to adjust them on different articles as to produce in the aggregate the amount which, when added to the proceeds of the sales of public lands, may be needed to pay the economical expenses of the government.

In levying a tariff of duties Congress exercise the taxing power, and for purposes of revenue may select the objects of taxation. They may exempt certain articles altogether, and permit their importation free of duty. On others they may impose low duties. In these classes should be embraced such articles of necessity as are in general use, and especially such as are consumed by the laborer and poor, as well as by the wealthy citizen. Care should be taken that all the great interests of the country, including manufactures, agriculture, commerce, navigation, and the mechanic arts, should, as far as may be practicable, derive equal advantages from the incidental protection which a just system of revenue duties may afford. Taxation, direct or indirect, is a burden, and it should be so imposed as to operate as equally as may be on all classes, in the proportion of their ability to bear it. To make the taxing power an actual benefit to one class, necessarily increases the burden of the others beyond their proportion, and would be manifestly unjust. The terms "protection to domestic industry," are of popular import; but they should apply under a just system to all the various branches of industry in our country. The farmer or planter who toils yearly in his fields, is engaged in "domestic industry," and is as much entitled to have his labor "protected," as the manufacturer, the man of commerce, the navigator, or the mechanic, who are engaged also in "domestic industry" in their different pursuits. The joint labors of all these classes constitute the aggregate of the "domestic industry" of the nation, and they are equally entitled to the nation's "protection." No one of them can justly claim to be the exclusive recipients of "protection," which can only be afforded by increasing burdens on the "domestic industry" of the others.

If these views be correct, it remains to inquire how far the tariff act of 1842 is consistent with them. That many of the provisions of that act are in violation of the cardinal principles here laid down, all must concede. The rates of duty imposed by it on some articles are prohibitory, and on others so high as greatly to diminish importations, and to produce a less amount of revenue than would be derived from lower rates. They operate as "protection merely," to one branch of "domestic industry," by taxing other branches.

By the introduction of minimums, or assumed and false values, and by the imposition of specific duties, the injustice and inequality of the act of 1842 in its practical operations on different classes and pursuits are seen and felt. Many of the oppressive duties imposed by it under the operation of these principles, range from one per cent. to more than two hundred per cent. They are prohibitory on some articles, and partially so on others, and bear most heavily on articles of common necessity, and but lightly on articles of luxury. It is so framed that much the greatest burden which it imposes is thrown on labor and the poorer classes who are least able to bear it, while it protects capital and exempts the rich from paying their just proportion of the taxation required for the support of government. While it protects the capital of the wealthy manufacturer, and increases his profits, it does not benefit the operatives or laborers in his employment, whose wages have not been increased by it. Articles of prime necessity or of coarse quality and low price, used by the masses of the people, are, in many instances, subjected by it to heavy taxes, while articles of finer quality and higher price, or of luxury, which can be used only by the opulent, are lightly taxed. It imposes heavy and unjust burdens on the farmer, the planter, the commercial man, and those of all other pursuits except the capitalist who has made his investments in manufactures. All the great interests of the country are not, as nearly as may be practicable, equally protected by it.

The government in theory knows no distinction of persons or classes, and should not bestow upon some favors and privileges which all others may not enjoy. It was the purpose of its illustrious founders to base the institutions which they reared upon the great and unchanging principles of justice and equity, conscious that if administered in the spirit in which they were conceived, they would be felt only by the benefits which they diffused, and would secure for themselves a defence in the hearts of the people more powerful than standing armies, and all the means and appliances invented to sustain governments founded in injustice and oppression.

The well-known fact that the tariff act of 1842 was passed by a majority of one vote in the Senate, and two in the House of Representatives, and that some of those who felt themselves constrained, under the peculiar circumstances existing at the time, to vote in its favor, proclaimed its defects, and expressed their determination to aid in its modification on the first opportunity, affords strong and conclusive evidence that it was not intended to be permanent, and of the expediency and necessity of its thorough revision.

In recommending to Congress a reduction of the present rates of duty, and a revision and modification of the act of 1842, I am far from entertaining opinions unfriendly to the manufacturers. On the contrary, I desire to see them prosperous, as far as they can be so, without imposing unequal burdens on other interests. The advantage under any system of indirect taxation, even within the revenue standard, must be in favor of the manufacturing interest; and of this, no other interest will complain.

I recommend to Congress the abolition of the minimum principle, or assumed, arbitrary, and false values, and of specific duties, and the substitution in their place of *ad valorem* duties, as the fairest and most equitable indirect tax which can be imposed. By the *ad valorem* principle, all articles are taxed according to their cost or value, and those which are of inferior quality, or of small cost, bear only the just proportion of the tax with

those which are of superior quality or greater cost. The articles consumed by all are taxed at the same rate. A system of *ad valorem* revenue duties, with proper discriminations and proper guards against frauds in collecting them, it is not doubted, will afford ample incidental advantages to the manufacturers, and enable them to derive as great profits as can be derived from any other regular business. It is believed that such a system, strictly within the revenue standard, will place the manufacturing interests on a stable footing, and inure to their permanent advantage; while it will, as nearly as may be practicable, extend to all the great interests of the country the indicental protection which can be afforded by our revenue laws. Such a system, when once firmly established, would be permanent, and not be subject to the constant complaints, agitations, and changes which must ever occur when duties are not laid for revenue, but for the "protection merely" of a favored interest.

In the deliberations of Congress on this subject, it is hoped that a spirit of mutual concession and compromise between conflicting interests may prevail, and that the result of their labors may be crowned with the happiest consequences.

By the constitution of the United States it is provided, that "no money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law." A public treasury was undoubtedly contemplated and intended to be created, in which the public money should be kept from the period of collection until needed for public uses. In the collection and disbursement of the public money, no agencies have ever been employed by law except such as were appointed by the government, directly responsible to it, and under its control. The safe keeping of the public money should be confided to a public treasury created by law, and under like responsibility and control. It is not to be imagined that the framers of the constitution could have intended that a treasury should be created as a place of deposite and safe keeping of the public money which was irresponsible to the government. The first Congress under the constitution, by the act of the second of September, 1789, "to establish the Treasury Department," provided for the appointment of a treasurer, and made it his duty "to receive and keep the moneys of the United States," and "at all times to submit to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller, or either of them, the inspection of the moneys in his hands."

That banks, national or state, could not have been intended to be used as a substitute for the treasury spoken of in the constitution, as keepers of the public money, is manifest from the fact, that at that time there was no national bank, and but three or four State banks of limited capital existed in the country. Their employment as depositories was at first resorted to, to a limited extent, but with no avowed intention of continuing them permanently, in place of the treasury of the constitution. When they were afterwards from time to time employed, it was from motives of supposed convenience.

Our experience has shown, that when banking corporations have been the keepers of the public money, and been thereby made in effect the treasury, the government can have no guarantee that it can command the use of its own money for public purposes. The late Bank of the United States proved to be faithless. The State banks which were afterwards employed were faithless. But a few years ago, with millions of public money in their keeping, the government was brought almost to bank-

ruptcy, and the public credit seriously impaired, because of their inability or indisposition to pay, on demand, to the public creditors, in the only currency recognised by the constitution. Their failure occurred in a period of peace, and great inconvenience and loss were suffered by the public from it. Had the country been involved in a foreign war, that inconvenience and loss would have been much greater, and might have resulted in extreme public calamity. The public money should not be mingled with the private funds of banks or individuals, or be used for private purposes. When it is placed in banks for safe keeping, it is in effect loaned to them without interest, and is loaned by them upon interest to the borrowers from them. The public money is converted into banking capital, and is used and loaned out for the private profit of bank stockholders, and when called for, (as was the case in 1837,) it may be in the pockets of the borrowers from the banks, instead of being in the public treasury contemplated by the constitution. The framers of the constitution could never have intended that the money paid into the treasury should be thus converted to private use, and placed beyond the control of the government.

Banks which hold the public money are often tempted, by a desire of gain, to extend their loans, increase their circulation, and thus stimulate, if not produce a spirit of speculation and extravagance, which sooner or later must result in ruin to thousands. If the public money be not permitted to be thus used, but be kept in the treasury and paid out to the public creditors in gold and silver, the temptation afforded by its deposite with banks to an undue expansion of their business would be checked, while the amount of the constitutional currency left in circulation would be enlarged by its employment in the public collections and disbursements, and the banks themselves would in consequence be found in a safer and sounder condition.

At present, State banks are employed as depositories, but without adequate regulation of law, whereby the public money can be secured against the casualties and excesses, revulsions, suspensions, and defalcations to which, from overissues, overtrading, an inordinate desire for gain, or other causes, they are constantly exposed. The Secretary of the Treasury has in all cases, when it was practicable, taken collateral security for the amount which they hold, by the pledge of stocks of the United States, or such of the States as were in good credit. Some of the deposite banks have given this description of security, and others have declined to do so.

Entertaining the opinion that "the separation of the moneys of the government from banking institutions is indispensable for the safety of the funds of the government and the rights of the people," I recommend to Congress that provision be made by law for such separation, and that a constitutional treasury be created for the safe-keeping of the public money. The constitutional treasury recommended is designed as a secure depository for the public money, without any power to make loans or discounts, or to issue any paper whatever as a currency or circulation. I cannot doubt that such a treasury as was contemplated by the constitution should be independent of all banking corporations. The money of the people should be kept in the treasury of the people created by law, and be in the custody of agents of the people chosen by themselves, according to the forms of the constitution; agents who are directly responsible to the government, who are under adequate bonds and oaths, and who are subject to severe punishments for any embezzlement, private use, or misapplica-

tion of the public funds, and for any failure in other respects to perform their duties. To say that the people or their government are incompetent, or not to be trusted with the custody of their own money, in their own treasury, provided by themselves, but must rely on the presidents, cashiers, and stockholders of banking corporations, not appointed by them, nor responsible to them, would be to concede that they are incompetent for self-government.

In recommending the establishment of a constitutional treasury, in which the public money shall be kept, I desire that adequate provision be made by law for its safety, and that all Executive discretion or control over it shall be removed, except such as may be necessary in directing its disbursement in pursuance of appropriations made by law.

Under our present land system, limiting the minimum price at which the public lands can be entered to one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, large quantities of lands of inferior quality remain unsold, because they will not command that price. From the records of the General Land Office it appears, that, of the public lands remaining unsold in the several States and Territories in which they are situated, thirty-nine millions one hundred and five thousand five hundred and seventy-seven acres have been in the market, subject to entry more than twenty years; forty-nine millions six hundred and thirty-eight thousand six hundred and forty-four acres for more than fifteen years; seventy-three millions seventy-four thousand and six hundred acres for more than ten years; and one hundred and six millions one hundred and seventy-six thousand nine hundred and sixty-one acres for more than five years. Much the largest portion of these lands will continue to be unsaleable at the minimum price at which they are permitted to be sold, so long as large territories of lands from which the more valuable portions have not been selected are annually brought into market by the government. With the view to the sale and settlement of these inferior lands, I recommend that the price be graduated and reduced below the present minimum rate, confining the sales at the reduced prices to settlers and cultivators, in limited quantities. If graduated and reduced in price for a limited term to one dollar per acre, and after the expiration of that period for a second and third term to lower rates, a large portion of these lands would be purchased, and many worthy citizens, who are unable to pay higher rates, could purchase homes for themselves and their families. By adopting the policy of graduation and reduction of price, these inferior lands will be sold for their real value, while the States in which they lie will be freed from the inconvenience, if not injustice, to which they are subjected, in consequence of the United States continuing to own large quantities of the public lands within their borders, not liable to taxation for the support of their local governments.

I recommend the continuance of the policy of granting pre-emptions, in its most liberal extent, to all those who have settled, or may hereafter settle, on the public lands, whether surveyed or unsurveyed, to which the Indian title may have been extinguished at the time of settlement. It has been found by experience, that in consequence of combinations of purchasers and other causes, a very small quantity of the public lands, when sold at public auction, commands a higher price than the minimum rate established by law. The settlers on the public lands are, however, but rarely able to secure their homes and improvements at the public sales at that rate; because these combinations, by means of the capital they com-

mand, and their superior ability to purchase, render it impossible for the settler to compete with them in the market. By putting down all competition, these combinations of capitalists and speculators are usually enabled to purchase the lands, including the improvements of the settlers, at the minimum price of the government, and either turn them out of their homes, or extort from them, according to their ability to pay, double or quadruple the amount paid for them to the government. It is to the enterprise and perseverance of the hardy pioneers of the West, who penetrate the wilderness with their families, suffer the dangers, the privations, and hardships attending the settlement of a new country, and prepare the way for the body of emigrants who, in the course of a few years, usually follow them, that we are, in a great degree, indebted for the rapid extension and aggrandizement of our country.

Experience has proved that no portion of our population are more patriotic than the hardy and brave men of the frontier, or more ready to obey the call of their country, and to defend her rights and her honor, whenever and by whatever enemy assailed. They should be protected from the grasping speculator, and secured, at the minimum price of the public lands, in the humble homes which they have improved by their labor. With this end in view, all vexatious or unnecessary restrictions imposed upon them by the existing pre-emption laws should be repealed or modified. It is the true policy of the government to afford facilities to its citizens to become the owners of small portions of our vast public domain at low and moderate rates.

The present system of managing the mineral lands of the United States is believed to be radically defective. More than a million of acres of the public lands, supposed to contain lead and other minerals, have been reserved from sale, and numerous leases upon them have been granted to individuals upon a stipulated rent. The system of granting leases has proved to be not only unprofitable to the government, but unsatisfactory to the citizens who have gone upon the lands, and must, if continued, lay the foundation of much future difficulty between the government and the lessees. According to the official records, the amount of rents received by the government for the years 1841, 1842, 1843, and 1844, was six thousand three hundred and fifty-four dollars and seventy-four cents; while the expenses of the system during the same period, including salaries of superintendents, agents, clerks, and incidental expenses, were twenty-six thousand one hundred and eleven dollars and eleven cents; the income being less than one-fourth of the expenses. To this pecuniary loss may be added the injury sustained by the public in consequence of the destruction of timber, and the careless and wasteful manner of working the mines. The system has given rise to much litigation between the United States and individual citizens, producing irritation and excitement in the mineral region, and involving the government in heavy additional expenditures. It is believed that similar losses and embarrassments will continue to occur, while the present system of leasing these lands remains unchanged. These lands are now under the superintendence and care of the War Department, with the ordinary duties of which they have no proper or natural connexion. I recommend the repeal of the present system, and that these lands be placed under the superintendence and management of the General Land Office, as other public lands, and be brought into market and sold upon such terms as Congress in their wisdom may

prescribe, reserving to the government an equitable per centage of the gross amount of mineral product, and that the pre-emption principle be extended to resident miners and settlers upon them, at the minimum price which may be established by Congress.

I refer you to the accompanying report of the Secretary of War, for information respecting the present situation of the army, and its operations during the past year; the state of our defences; the condition of the public works; and our relations with the various Indian tribes within our limits or upon our borders. I invite your attention to the suggestions contained in that report in relation to these prominent objects of national interest.

When orders were given during the past summer for concentrating a military force on the western frontier of Texas, our troops were widely dispersed, and in small detachments, occupying posts remote from each other. The prompt and expeditious manner in which an army, embracing more than half our peace establishment, was drawn together on an emergency so sudden, reflects great credit on the officers who were intrusted with the execution of these orders, as well as upon the discipline of the army itself. To be in strength to protect and defend the people and territory of Texas, in the event Mexico should commence hostilities, or invade her territories with a large army, which she threatened, I authorized the general assigned to the command of the army of occupation to make requisitions for additional forces from several of the States nearest the Texan territory, and which could most expeditiously furnish them, if, in his opinion, a larger force than that under his command, and the auxiliary aid which, under like circumstances, he was authorized to receive from Texas, should be required. The contingency upon which the exercise of this authority depended, has not occurred. The circumstances under which two companies of State artillery from the city of New Orleans were sent into Texas, and mustered into the service of the United States, are fully stated in the report of the Secretary of War. I recommend to Congress that provision be made for the payment of these troops, as well as a small number of Texan volunteers, whom the commanding general thought it necessary to receive or muster into our service.

During the last summer, the first regiment of dragoons made extensive excursions through the Indian country on our borders, a part of them advancing nearly to the possessions of the Hudson's Bay Company in the north, and a part as far as the South Pass of the Rocky mountains, and the head waters of the tributary streams of the Colorado of the West. The exhibition of this military force among the Indian tribes in those distant regions, and the councils held with them by the commanders of the expeditions, it is believed, will have a salutary influence in restraining them from hostilities among themselves, and maintaining friendly relations between them and the United States. An interesting account of one of these excursions accompanies the report of the Secretary of War. Under the directions of the War Department, Brevet Captain Fremont, of the corps of topographical engineers, has been employed since 1842 in exploring the country west of the Mississippi, and beyond the Rocky mountains. Two expeditions have already been brought to a close, and the reports of that scientific and enterprising officer have furnished much interesting and valuable information. He is now engaged in a third expedition; but it is not expected that this arduous service will be completed in season to enable me to communicate the result to Congress at the present session.

Our relations with the Indian tribes are of a favorable character. The policy of removing them to a country designed for their permanent residence west of the Mississippi, and without the limits of the organized States and Territories, is better appreciated by them than it was a few years ago; while education is now attended to, and the habits of civilized life are gaining ground among them.

Serious difficulties of long standing continue to distract the several parties into which the Cherokees are unhappily divided. The efforts of the government to adjust the difficulties between them, have heretofore proved unsuccessful; and there remains no probability that this desirable object can be accomplished without the aid of further legislation by Congress. I will, at an early period of your session, present the subject for your consideration, accompanied with an exposition of the complaints and claims of the several parties into which the nation is divided, with a view to the adoption of such measures by Congress as may enable the Executive to do justice to them respectively, and to put an end, if possible, to the dissensions which have long prevailed, and still prevail, among them.

I refer you to the report of the Secretary of the Navy for the present condition of that branch of the national defence; and for grave suggestions, having for their object the increase of its efficiency, and a greater economy in its management. During the past year the officers and men have performed their duty in a satisfactory manner. The orders which have been given, have been executed with promptness and fidelity. A larger force than has often formed one squadron under our flag was readily concentrated in the Gulf of Mexico, and apparently without unusual effort. It is especially to be observed, that notwithstanding the union of so considerable a force, no act was committed that even the jealousy of an irritated power could construe as an act of aggression; and that the commander of the squadron, and his officers, in strict conformity with their instructions, holding themselves ever ready for the most active duty, have achieved the still purer glory of contributing to the preservation of peace. It is believed that at all our foreign stations the honor of our flag has been maintained, and that generally our ships of war have been distinguished for their good discipline and order. I am happy to add, that the display of maritime force which was required by the events of the summer has been made wholly within the usual appropriations for the service of the year, so that no additional appropriations are required.

The commerce of the United States, and with it the navigating interests, have steadily and rapidly increased since the organization of our government, until, it is believed, we are now second to but one Power in the world, and at no distant day we shall probably be inferior to none. Exposed as they must be, it has been a wise policy to afford to these important interests protection with our ships of war, distributed in the great highways of trade throughout the world. For more than thirty years appropriations have been made, and annually expended, for the gradual increase of our naval forces. In peace, our navy performs the important duty of protecting our commerce; and, in the event of war, will be, as it has been, a most efficient means of defence.

The successful use of steam navigation on the ocean has been followed by the introduction of war steamers in great and increasing numbers into the navies of the principal maritime Powers of the world. A due regard to our own safety and to an efficient protection to our large and increasing

commerce demands a corresponding increase on our part. No country has greater facilities for the construction of vessels of this description than ours, or can promise itself greater advantages from their employment. They are admirably adapted to the protection of our commerce, to the rapid transmission of intelligence, and to the coast defence. In pursuance of the wise policy of a gradual increase of our navy, large supplies of live oak timber, and other materials for ship building, have been collected, and are now under shelter and in a state of good preservation, while iron steamers can be built with great facility in various parts of the Union. The use of iron as a material, especially in the construction of steamers, which can enter with safety many of the harbors along our coast now inaccessible to vessels of greater draught, and the practicability of constructing them in the interior, strongly recommends that liberal appropriations should be made for this important object. Whatever may have been our policy in the earlier stages of the government, when the nation was in its infancy, our shipping interests and commerce comparatively small, our resources limited, our population sparse and scarcely extending beyond the limits of the original thirteen States, that policy must be essentially different now that we have grown from three to more than twenty millions of people,—that our commerce, carried in our own ships, is found in every sea, and that our territorial boundaries and settlements have been so greatly expanded. Neither our commerce, nor our long line of coast on the ocean and on the lakes, can be successfully defended against foreign aggression by means of fortifications alone. These are essential at important commercial and military points, but our chief reliance for this object must be on a well-organized, efficient navy. The benefits resulting from such a navy are not confined to the Atlantic States. The productions of the interior which seek a market abroad, are directly dependant on the safety and freedom of our commerce. The occupation of the Balize below New Orleans by a hostile force would embarrass, if not stagnate, the whole export trade of the Mississippi, and affect the value of the agricultural products of the entire valley of that mighty river and its tributaries.

It has never been our policy to maintain large standing armies in time of peace. They are contrary to the genius of our free institutions, would impose heavy burdens on the people, and be dangerous to public liberty. Our reliance for protection and defence on the land must be mainly on our citizen soldiers, who will be ever ready, as they ever have been ready in times past, to rush with alacrity, at the call of their country, to her defence. This description of force, however, cannot defend our coast, harbors, and inland seas, nor protect our commerce on the ocean or the lakes. These must be protected by our navy.

Considering an increased naval force, and especially of steam vessels, corresponding with our growth and importance as a nation, and proportioned to the increased and increasing naval power of other nations, of vast importance as regards our safety, and the great and growing interests to be protected by it, I recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of Congress.

The report of the Postmaster General herewith communicated contains a detailed statement of the operations of his department during the past year. It will be seen that the income from postages will fall short of the expenditures for the year between one and two millions of dollars. This deficiency has been caused by the reduction of the rates of postage, which

was made by the act of the third of March last. No principle has been more generally acquiesced in by the people than that this department should sustain itself by limiting its expenditures to its income. Congress has never sought to make it a source of revenue for general purposes, except for a short period during the last war with Great Britain, nor should it ever become a charge on the general treasury. If Congress shall adhere to this principle, as I think they ought, it will be necessary either to curtail the present mail service, so as to reduce the expenditures, or so to modify the act of the third of March last as to improve its revenues. The extension of the mail service, and the additional facilities which will be demanded by the rapid extension and increase of population on our western frontier, will not admit of such curtailment as will materially reduce the present expenditures. In the adjustment of the tariff of postages, the interests of the people demand that the lowest rates be adopted which will produce the necessary revenue to meet the expenditures of the department. I invite the attention of Congress to the suggestions of the Postmaster General on this subject, under the belief that such a modification of the late law may be made as will yield sufficient revenue without further calls on the treasury, and with very little change in the present rates of postage.

Proper measures have been taken, in pursuance of the act of the third of March last, for the establishment of lines of mail steamers between this and foreign countries. The importance of this service commends itself strongly to favorable consideration.

With the growth of our country, the public business which devolves on the heads of the several executive departments has greatly increased. In some respects, the distribution of duties among them seems to be incongruous, and many of these might be transferred from one to another with advantage to the public interests. A more auspicious time for the consideration of this subject by Congress, with a view to system in the organization of the several departments, and a more appropriate division of the public business, will not probably occur.

The most important duties of the State Department relate to our foreign affairs. By the great enlargement of the family of nations, the increase of our commerce, and the corresponding extension of our consular system, the business of this department has been greatly increased. In its present organization, many duties of a domestic nature, and consisting of details, are devolved on the Secretary of State, which do not appropriately belong to the foreign department of the government, and may properly be transferred to some other department. One of these grows out of the present state of the law concerning the Patent Office, which, a few years since, was a subordinate clerkship, but has become a distinct bureau of great importance. With an excellent internal organization, it is still connected with the State Department. In the transaction of its business, questions of much importance to inventors, and to the community, frequently arise, which, by existing laws, are referred for decision to a board, of which the Secretary of State is a member. These questions are legal, and the connexion which now exists between the State Department and the Patent Office may, with great propriety and advantage, be transferred to the Attorney General.

In his last annual message to Congress, Mr. Madison invited attention to a proper provision for the Attorney General as "an important improvement in the executive establishment." This recommendation was re-

peated by some of his successors. The official duties of the Attorney General have been much increased within a few years, and his office has become one of great importance. His duties may be still further increased with advantage to the public interests. As an executive officer, his residence and constant attention at the seat of government are required. Legal questions, involving important principles, and large amounts of public money, are constantly referred to him by the President and executive departments for his examination and decision. The public business under his official management before the judiciary has been so augmented by the extension of our territory, and the acts of Congress authorizing suits against the United States for large bodies of valuable public lands, as greatly to increase his labors and responsibilities. I therefore recommend that the Attorney General be placed on the same footing with the heads of the other executive departments, with such subordinate officers, provided by law for his department, as may be required to discharge the additional duties which have been or may be devolved upon him.

Congress possess the power of exclusive legislation over the District of Columbia, and I commend the interests of its inhabitants to your favorable consideration. The people of this District have no legislative body of their own, and must confide their local as well as their general interests to representatives in whose election they have no voice, and over whose official conduct they have no control. Each member of the National Legislature should consider himself as their immediate representative, and should be the more ready to give attention to their interests and wants, because he is not responsible to them. I recommend that a liberal and generous spirit may characterize your measures in relation to them. I shall be ever disposed to show a proper regard for their wishes, and, within constitutional limits, shall at all times cheerfully co-operate with you for the advancement of their welfare.

I trust it may not be deemed inappropriate to the occasion for me to dwell for a moment on the memory of the most eminent citizen of our country, who, during the summer that is gone by, has descended to the tomb. The enjoyment of contemplating, at the advanced age of near fourscore years, the happy condition of his country, cheered the last hours of Andrew Jackson, who departed this life in the tranquil hope of a blessed immortality. His death was happy, as his life had been eminently useful. He had an unfaltering confidence in the virtue and capacity of the people, and in the permanence of that free government which he had largely contributed to establish and defend. His great deeds had secured to him the affections of his fellow-citizens, and it was his happiness to witness the growth and glory of his country which he loved so well. He departed amidst the benedictions of millions of freemen. The nation paid its tribute to his memory at his tomb. Coming generations will learn from his example the love of country and the rights of man. In his language on a similar occasion to the present, "I now commend you, fellow-citizens, to the guidance of Almighty God, with a full reliance on His merciful providence for the maintenance of our free institutions; and with an earnest supplication, that whatever errors it may be my lot to commit in discharging the arduous duties which have devolved on me, will find a remedy in the harmony and wisdom of your counsels."

WASHINGTON, *December* 2, 1845. JAMES K. POLK.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That three thousand five hundred copies of the message, and fifteen hundred copies of the message and accompanying documents, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States cause to be laid before the Senate, at as early a day as practicable, the report of the board of commissioners, appointed in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 23d of August, 1842, entitled "An act to provide for the satisfaction of claims arising under the 14th article of the treaty of Dancing Rabbit creek, concluded in September, 1830," embracing the testimony on which the claims arising under said treaty have been allowed; together with the amount of scrip requisite to satisfy the same, distinguishing the amount already issued.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That in addition to the copies of the President's message and accompanying documents, hitherto ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate, there be printed for the use of the Senate twenty-five thousand copies of the message, together with so much of the accompanying documents as relates to the negotiations between the United States and Great Britain on the subject of the Oregon territory.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made conformably to law, on the state of the finances: which was read.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That it be printed, and that five thousand copies thereof, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Treasurer of the United States, made agreeably to law, accompanied by copies of his accounts with the United States for the third and fourth quarters of 1844, and the first and second quarters of 1845, as adjusted by the accounting officers of the department: which was read.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of Joseph Nock, of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be indemnified for the loss sustained in consequence of the failure by the Post Office Department to carry into effect a contract to supply that department with mail locks and keys.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted by Mr. Speight the 2d instant, in relation to the report of the commissioners under the treaty of Dancing Rabbit creek; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted by Mr. Allen the 2d instant, to print an additional number of the President's message, and certain documents accompanying the same; and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States cause to be communicated to the Senate, at as early a day as practicable, such information as

he may possess, or may speedily obtain, with respect to the practicability and utility of a fort or forts on Ship island, on the coast of Mississippi, with a view to the protection of said coast.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the works necessary or expedient for enlarging or strengthening the fortifications at the outlet of Lake Huron, and the estimated expense required upon Fort Gratiot: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the assistant messenger of the Senate, authorized by resolution of the 25th February, 1845, receive a continuance of the pay of a messenger for his future services in that capacity, and for the time he was so employed at the executive session of the Senate in March last.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That Hugh Wallace Wormly, and Jameison & Williamson, have leave to withdraw their petitions.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, showing the condition and operations of that branch of the public service during the past year: which was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution, submitted by Mr. Speight, relative to the practicability and utility of a fort or forts on Ship island; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution, submitted by Mr. Breese the 2d instant, to suspend so much of the 34th rule as requires the committees of the Senate to be appointed by ballot; and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dix, Fairfield, Jenness, Levy, Lewis, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Benton, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Westcott.

So the resolution was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to the appointment of standing committees on Monday, the 8th instant.

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1845.

The Hon. Alexander Barrow, from the State of Louisiana, and the Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson, from the State of New York, attended.

Mr. Archer presented the credentials of the Hon. John Macpherson Berrien, elected a Senator by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the said John Macpherson Berrien; which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Berrien, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Archer presented the credentials of the Hon. Isaac S. Pennybacker, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the term of six years, commencing the 4th day of March, 1845; which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Pennybacker, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made agreeably to law, showing the commerce and navigation of the United States; which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed, and that seventeen hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed in addition to the usual number, two hundred and fifty of which for the use of the Treasury Department.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the following reports:

1. Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made conformably to law, exhibiting the articles imported during the year ending June 30, 1845, the duty on which exceeded thirty-five per cent. on the wholesale market value of the same.

2. Report of the Secretary of State, made agreeably to law, showing the disbursements made by the Department of State, from the various funds of that department, for the year ending June 30, 1845, and the unexpended balances of appropriations for the same.

3. Report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, showing the transfers made in that department from one head of appropriation to another, during the year ending June 30, 1845.

The reports were read.

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Benton presented a memorial of the representatives of the people of Oregon, in behalf of themselves and the citizens of the United States residing in that territory, praying the establishment of a territorial government by the United States, and the adoption of measures for facilitating and encouraging emigration to that country.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of the Association of Friends in the city of Philadelphia for promoting the abolition of slavery and improving the condition of the free people of color, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union as a slave State; and three petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union as a slave State.

A motion was made that the memorial and petitions be received, and the same being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Sevier, that the election of the officers of the Senate, and the appointment of standing committees, be postponed until to-morrow:

A division was called for by Mr. John M. Clayton; and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the following reports:

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, exhibiting the amount of pre-emption lands in the State of Louisiana, for which patents cannot issue on account of certain irregularities in the entries.

Report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, relating to the condition of the harbor at the mouth of the river La Fourche, in the State of Louisiana.

Report of the Secretary of War, containing a list of rejected applications for pensions and increase of pensions.

The reports were severally read.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I communicate, herewith, a letter received from the President of the existing government of the State of Texas, transmitting duplicate copies of the constitution formed by the deputies of the people of Texas in convention assembled, accompanied by official information that the said constitution had been ratified, confirmed, and adopted by the people of Texas themselves, in accordance with the joint resolution for annexing Texas to the United States, and in order that Texas might be admitted as one of the States of that Union.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *December* 9, 1845.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint library committee, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Vice President presented a communication from J. E. Dow & Co., proposing to execute, on the terms therein specified, the printing of the Senate for the twenty-ninth Congress:

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Henry L. Hull, late a soldier in the army of the United States, praying to be allowed arrearages of pay due for his services in that capacity.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Lewis presented the petition of Charles G. Page, an officer employed in the Patent Office, praying permission to take out a patent for certain valuable inventions made by him.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Henry Miller, praying to be appointed a messenger in the service of the Senate.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the condition of the navy of the United States, and into the quantity and condition of the naval supplies now on hand, and whether an increase of them is not necessary to the efficient operations of the navy, and to its preservation and augmentation; and, generally, into its capacity for defending our coast and our commerce; and for any service the exigencies of the country may probably require.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the condition of the national fortifications, and of their armaments, and whether other defensive works are necessary, and into the condition and quantity of the military supplies, and into the state of the means possessed by the government for the defence of the country.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to inquire into the present condition of that great branch of the public service, and into the state of the militia laws; and that they be further instructed to report such changes in the existing system as will give more experience and efficiency to that arm of defence, and will place it in the best condition for protecting the country should it be exposed to foreign invasion.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Secretary, pursuant to the 49th rule; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that Asbury Dickins was duly elected.

Mr. Dickins attended; and the oaths prescribed by law were administered to him by the President of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a sergeant-at-arms and doorkeeper, pursuant to the 49th rule; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that Robert Beale was duly elected.

Mr. Beale attended; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the President of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the election of an assistant doorkeeper, pursuant to the 49th rule; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that Isaac Holland was duly elected.

Mr. Holland attended; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the President of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, in pursuance of the 34th rule of the Senate, to the appointment of the standing committees; and the following chairmen of the several standing committees were appointed:

Mr. Allen, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Mr. Calhoun, chairman of the Committee on Finance.
Mr. Haywood, chairman of the Committee on Commerce.
Mr. Dickinson, chairman of the Committee on Manufactures.
Mr. Sturgeon, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture.
Mr. Benton, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs.
Mr. Atchison, chairman of the Committee on the Militia.
Mr. Fairfield, chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs.
Mr. Breese, chairman of the Committee on Public Lands.
Mr. Levy, chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims.
Mr. Sevier, chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Mr. Bagby, chairman of the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Semple, chairman of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.
Mr. Ashley, chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1845.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit, herewith, a report of the Secretary of War, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of the 4th instant, calling for information "with respect to the practicability and utility of a fort or forts on Ship island, on the coast of Mississippi, with a view to the protection of said coast."

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *December* 10, 1845.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the election of two chaplains of different denominations, one by each house, who shall interchange weekly: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Levy, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 3) to establish courts of the United States, and provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States in the State of Florida: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbridge, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Breese, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bills:

S. 5. A bill to establish the collection district of Chicago.

S. 6. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Antoine Peltier, and Joseph Placy.

S. 7. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased.

S. 8. A bill for the relief of William Elliott, jr., of Fulton county, State of Illinois.

The said bills were severally read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Hannegan, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 9) for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois: which was read the first and second times,

by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Dix, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 10) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement or compromise with Mangle M. Quackenboss and his co-obligors, or any of them, for claims on bonds given by them as sureties to the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lewis, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 11) for the admission of Texas into the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lewis presented the petition of Titian R. Peale, a member of the scientific corps of the late exploring expedition, praying indemnity for the loss of his private property by the wrecking of a vessel attached to the expedition, and compensation for his time and services after his return to the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, requesting the Senators and Representative of that State in Congress to endeavor to procure an appropriation for improving the harbor at the mouth of Mahon's river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the memorial of Catlin, Peoples, & Co., on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That the heirs of James Bell, deceased, have leave to withdraw their memorial.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That Gad Humphries have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That the petition of James Smalley, agent for a regiment of Vermont militia, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a fortification for the defence of the Breakwater harbor near the entrance of the Delaware bay.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a fortification on Pea Patch island, in the river Delaware.

Mr. Levy submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform the Senate what number of agents are now employed for the preservation of timber; the amount of salary paid for such service; the authority of law under which they are employed; and the fund from which they are paid; also, the amount of allowances of every description made within the last five years in the settlement of the accounts of said agents, or otherwise, connected with this branch of the service; the number of suits or prosecutions instituted within the same period for trespasses upon the

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in the State of Delaware.

Mr. Barrow submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to inform the Senate to what extent the raft in Red river, in the State of Louisiana, has been removed under the contract made with Mr. Williamson; and whether any work is now being done to remove said raft; and also, what further appropriation of money by Congress is necessary to the entire completion of said work.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Senate proceed, to-morrow, to the election of a printer for the Senate for the twenty-ninth Congress.

The Senate resumed the appointment, by ballot, of the chairmen of the standing committees of the Senate; and the following chairmen were appointed:

Mr. Niles, chairman of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hannegan, chairman of the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Upham, chairman of the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Haywood, chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Lewis, chairman of the Committee on Retrenchment.

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On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the members of the said committee be arranged as follows: Mr. Cass, Mr. Archer, Mr. Sevier, Mr. Atherton.

The Senate having balloted for the remaining members of the Committee on Finance, the President of the Senate announced the state of the ballots:

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

That the members of the said committee be arranged as follows: Mr. Lewis, Mr. Evans, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Jenness.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 11, 1845.

The Hon. Daniel Webster, from the State of Massachusetts, attended.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Edwin Bartlett, praying the renewal of certain evidences of debt due by the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of certain banks in the city of New York, praying the establishment of a mint in that city: which was read, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the memorial of the representatives of Major General William Alexander, Lord Stirling, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to communicate to the Senate information of the death of the Hon. John B. Dawson, and the proceedings of the House of Representatives thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate has received with deep sensibility the message from the House of Representatives, announcing the death of the Hon. John B. Dawson, a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

public lands; the result of such suits or prosecutions; and the cost and expense incurred by the United States therein, including the amount of damages paid by the United States within the same period, for illegal interference, by the aforesaid agents, with private rights.

Mr. Levy submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be required to transmit to this body a copy of the map of Florida, recently prepared in the bureau of topographical engineers.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate such information as he can obtain in regard to the expediency of erecting a light on the stone pier in the river Delaware, near Fort Mifflin.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the person or persons elected printer to the Senate shall be required to sign an agreement to do the printing of the Senate at not less than twenty per cent. under the prices fixed by the act of 1819, when the number of the documents to be printed does not exceed five thousand; and thirty-three and one-third per cent. less when the number exceeds five thousand; and when the same person or persons shall be elected printer to both houses, no allowance shall be made for double composition, or setting up, of the same document.

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Mr. Cameron, chairman of the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Lewis, chairman of the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Westcott, chairman of the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Niles, chairman of the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate.

Mr. Atherton, chairman of the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Chalmers, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The Senate proceeded to the appointment of the remaining members of the several standing committees, in pursuance of the 34th rule of the Senate; and

The President of the Senate having announced the state of the ballots for the members of the Committee on Foreign Relations:

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the members of the said committee be arranged as follows: Mr. Cass, Mr. Archer, Mr. Sevier, Mr. Atherton.

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Resolved, unanimously, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the following reports:

1. Report of the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the improvement of certain streets, avenues, and public squares, in the city of Washington; the estimated expense of making the same; and the amount received by the United States from the sales of public lots in the city of Washington.

2. Report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in conformity with a joint resolution passed by the two houses of Congress, the results of experimental trials of Putnam's plough dredger.

3. Report of the Secretary of War, exhibiting the expenditures from the contingent funds of that department, and its offices and bureaus, during the year ending 30th June, 1845.

The reports were read.

Ordered, That they be printed.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, communicated to the Senate the 4th instant, be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of citizens of the State of Michigan, praying the removal of the land office from Green Bay to Sheboygan, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbridge presented two petitions of citizens of the State of Michigan, praying the passage of an act for the final adjustment of all private land claims in that State: which were referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of Talcot Reed, a teamster in the revolutionary army, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Oliver J. Morgan, praying the right of pre-emption to a certain tract of land in the State of Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of William B. Keene, praying to be confirmed in his right of pre-emption to a tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Pearce presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure an appropriation for deepening the harbor of Havre-de-Grace, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Benton presented a memorial of the city council of the city of St. Louis, praying an appropriation for improving the harbor at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Elijah White, praying compensation for property stolen from him and his attendants, by Indians residing

within the limits of the United States, while he was the bearer of communications from the local authorities of the Territory of Oregon to the seat of the general government: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Elijah White, praying additional compensation for services performed, and reimbursement of expenses incurred, by him while acting as Indian agent for the territories of the United States west of the Rocky mountains: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the memorial of W. P. Brobson, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the petition of James Robinson and wife, legal representatives of Richard Wild, deceased, late an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed arrears of pension, with legal interest thereon: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented a proposal from William Greer, for executing the printing for that body during the twenty-ninth Congress.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of George Taylor, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to the year 1800: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of James Morgan, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of citizens of the State of New Jersey, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Levy presented the petition of Benjamin D. Herriot, in behalf of himself, and as legal representative of Major Woodruff, deceased, praying indemnity for the destruction of their property by the Seminole Indians, at the commencement of the war in Florida: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of William Butterfield, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Hugh W. Dobbin, an officer in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dayton presented the petition of Clara R. Cobb, widow of Thomas Cobb, deceased, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jarnagin presented the petition of William Nicholls, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Levy,

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Sumter, administrator de bonis non of General Thomas Sumter, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That the legal representatives of James Bell, deceased, and Jesse Biddle, severally, have leave to withdraw their memorials and papers.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That Robert Barnard, agent and attorney of Abraham Mann, and William Barnard, have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a tri-weekly mail between the city of Mobile and the city of Jackson, in the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the States respectively in which they are situate, alternate sections of the public lands inundated by the Mississippi river and its outlets, on condition that the proceeds of the sales of said sections be applied by said States to the reclamation of said inundated lands by sufficient and permanent levees.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing an additional district court of the United States for the district of Arkansas, to hold its sessions at Van Buren, in Crawford county, in said State; and also, of extending the jurisdiction of said court over the adjacent Indian lands in all cases.

Mr. Breese, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by Mr. Cass the 9th instant, in relation to the militia and the military and naval defences of the country: and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to communicate to the Senate information of the death of the Hon. Joseph H. Peyton, a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Tennessee, and the proceedings of the House of Representatives thereon.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate has received with deep sensibility the message from the House of Representatives announcing the death of the Hon. Joseph H. Peyton, a Representative from the State of Tennessee.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by a report of the superintendent of the coast survey, showing the progress made during the past year in the survey of the coast of the United States; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That it be printed; and that five hundred copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed, two hundred and fifty copies thereof for the use of the office of the superintendent of the coast survey.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of State, containing the information called for by the resolution of the Senate of the 8th of January last, in relation to the claim of the owners of the brig General Armstrong against the government of Portugal.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *December* 16, 1845.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a letter from F. Jefferson and others, accompanied by a memorial, proposing to execute the printing of the Senate at a reduced rate.

Ordered, That the letter and memorial lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Caleb Green, late clerk of the United States district court for the western district of Louisiana, praying to be allowed his expenses for office rent: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of the Philadelphia board of trade, praying a survey of the Ohio river with a view to its improvement: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of western Pennsylvania and Ohio, praying the construction of a steamboat canal around the falls of St. Mary: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of William W. Hubbell, praying that experiments may be made to test the utility of an explosive concussion shell, of which he is the inventor: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of Mary Reeside, executrix of the last will and testament of James Reeside, deceased, praying the payment of the amount found to be due to her late husband by the verdict of a jury, in a suit instituted against him by the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Barrow presented the memorial of Villeneuve Le Blanc, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land in the State of Louisiana; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Jarnagin presented the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, praying a relinquishment to that State of the lands

south and west of the congressional reservation line, and a grant of land to the West Tennessee College, at Jackson, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of citizens of the State of Vermont, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union as a slave State.

A motion was made that the petition be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Wilna, Jefferson county, New York, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petition be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of citizens of Connecticut, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petition be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of captains of steamboats navigating the western rivers, praying the construction of a canal around the falls of the Ohio river: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate relating to the claim of Thomas Rhodes, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the petition of James Erwin, for himself and the heirs of Daniel Greathouse, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Levy,

Ordered, That the memorial of William Fuller and Orlando Saltmarsh, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Levy,

Ordered, That the petition of J. M. Gilliss, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That Joseph Ratcliff have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That John Hutchins have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the heirs of Christopher Miller have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Jenness,

Ordered, That Pearson Cogswell have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Miller submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire

into the expediency of establishing a port of entry at Jersey city, in the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the remaining copies of brevet Captain Frémont's reports of his expeditions to the Rocky mountains and Territory of Oregon, and heretofore ordered, with the maps and engravings, to be printed for the use of the Senate, be bound in good muslin binding, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate; proposals therefor to be advertised by him in two newspapers of general circulation, and the price thereof not to exceed fifty cents per copy.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the United States district attorney for the district of Louisiana, in consequence of the duties imposed upon him by an act entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Mississippi and Alabama south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers," approved June 17, 1844, and by the repeal of an act entitled "An act to repeal 'An act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes,' " approved February 13, 1845.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of the pilots of the port of New York, praying the repeal or modification of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That Alexander King, executor of Henry King, have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Speight asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 13) appropriating alternate sections of the public lands for the improvement of Pearl river: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jarnagin asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 14) for the relief of John S. Russwurm, heir and legal representative of William Russwurm, deceased: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Woodbridge asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 15) to amend an act confirming certain land claims in the State of Michigan: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Levy the 10th instant, in relation to a map of Florida; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Cass the 9th instant, in relation to the militia and the military and naval defences of the country; and,

After debate,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative: Yeas, ... 48

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Jenness, Johnson, of Louisiana, Levy, Lewis, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the resolutions were agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution for the admission of the State of Texas into the Union: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The resolution (H. R. 2) for the admission of Texas into the Union was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1845.

Mr. Webster presented a petition of citizens of Sandwich, New Hampshire, and two petitions of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union while her constitution tolerates slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Mangum presented the petition of Simon Summers, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mangum presented the petition of Lydia Lush, widow of Stephen Lush, deceased, a revolutionary officer, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the legal representatives of Joshua Kennedy have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Allen having stated that a writ of subpœna had been served upon him to attend as a witness in a cause pending before a court of the United States for the District of Columbia:

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Ordered, That leave be given to Mr. Allen to attend accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Sevier the 10th instant, for the arrangement of the members of the Committee on Finance; and, the motion having been agreed to:

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis, Mr. Evans, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Jenness, be members of the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to ballot for the remaining members of the Committee on Commerce; and the result having been announced by the Vice President,

On motion by Mr. Sevier, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the members of the committee be arranged as follows: Mr. Dix, Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, Mr. Sevier, and Mr. Davis.

On motion by Mr. Speight, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the balloting for the remaining members of the Committee on Manufactures and the Committee on Agriculture be dispensed with; and,

On motion by Mr. Speight, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That Mr. Sturgeon, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Colquitt, and Mr. Miller, be members of the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion by Mr. Speight, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That Mr. Semple, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Turney, and Mr. Corwin, be members of the Committee on Agriculture.

The Senate proceeded to ballot for the remaining members of the Committee on Military Affairs; and the result having been announced by the Vice President,

On motion by Mr. Sevier, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the members of the committee be arranged as follows: Mr. Hannegan, Mr. Crittenden, Mr. Dix, and Mr. Speight.

The Senate proceeded to ballot for the remaining members of the Committee on the Militia; and

Ordered, That Mr. Semple, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Fairfield, and Mr. Westcott, be members of the Committee on the Militia.

The Senate proceeded to ballot for the remaining members of the Committee on Naval Affairs; and the result having been announced by the Vice President,

On motion by Mr. Sevier, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the members of the committee be arranged as follows: Mr. Levy, Mr. Mangum, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Dickinson.

On motion by Mr. Sevier, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That Mr. Speight, Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Ashley, and Mr. Morehead, be members of the Committee on Public Lands.

That Mr. Semple, Mr. Jarnagin, Mr. Pennybacker, and Mr. Woodbridge, be members of the Committee on Private Land Claims.

That Mr. Bagby, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Atchison, and Mr. Jarnagin, be members of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

That Mr. Pennybacker, Mr. John M. Clayton, Mr. Turney, and Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, be members of the Committee of Claims.

That Mr. Hannegan, Mr. Thomas Clayton, Mr. Colquitt, and Mr. Greene, be members of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

That Mr. Breese, Mr. Berrien, Mr. Westcott, and Mr. Webster, be members of the Committee on the Judiciary.

That Mr. Sturgeon, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Semple, and Mr. Dayton, be members of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

That Mr. Lewis, Mr. Corwin, Mr. Sturgeon, and Mr. Davis, be members of the Committee on Roads and Canals.

That Mr. Ashley, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Atchison, and Mr. Barrow, be members of the Committee on Pensions.

That Mr. Breese, Mr. Miller, Mr. Jenness, and Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, be members of the Committee on the District of Columbia.

That Mr. Hannegan, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Sturgeon, and Mr. Lewis, be members of the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

That Mr. Atherton, Mr. Morehead, Mr. Dickinson, and Mr. Turney, be members of the Committee on Retrenchment.

That Mr. Cameron, Mr. Evans, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. Corwin, be members of the Committee on Territories.

That Mr. Dayton and Mr. Cass be members of the Committee on Public Buildings.

That Mr. Breese and Mr. Greene be members of the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate.

That Mr. Chalmers and Mr. Upham be members of the Committee on Printing.

That Mr. Chalmers, Mr. Jarnagin, and Mr. Levy be members of the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

That Mr. Bright and Mr. Jarnagin be the Committee on Enrolled Bills; and

That Mr. Pearce, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Chalmers, be the Committee on the Library, on the part of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Cass,

Ordered, That he be excused from serving on the Committee on Public Buildings, and that Mr. Bright be appointed in his stead.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the previous orders be postponed; and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution submitted by him the 10th instant, in relation to the election of printer for the Senate for the twenty-ninth Congress; and

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Jenness, Levy, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

The resolution having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Speight, by striking out "to-morrow:"

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott further to amend the resolution, by adding thereto, "and that if, hereafter, during the term for which the printer is elected, provision should be made by law for disconnecting the public printing from the newspaper press, and for the establishment of a public printing office to do the printing of Congress, the printer so elected shall be subject to such regulation as may be made by law as to his continuance in office;" and

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Levy, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

To amend the resolution, by adding thereto the following: "*And provided further*, That the person or persons elected printer to the Senate shall be required to sign an agreement to do the printing of the Senate at not less than twenty per cent. under the prices fixed by the act of 1819, when the number of the documents to be printed does not exceed five thousand; and thirty-three and one-third per cent. less when the number exceeds five thousand; and when the same person or persons shall be elected printer to both houses, no allowance shall be made for double composition, or setting up of the same document:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Phelps Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Cameron Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Jenness, Levy, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

So the proposed amendment was not agreed to.

The resolution being further amended, on the motion of Mr. Atherton, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate proceed to the election of a printer for the Senate for the twenty-ninth Congress; and that if, hereafter, during the term for which the printer is elected, provision should be made by law for disconnecting the public printing from the newspaper press, and for the establishment of a public printing office, to do the printing of Congress, the printer so elected shall be subject to such regulation as may be made by law as to his continuance in office; the printing to be paid for at the rates now established by law, or such rates as may, during the present session, be established by law, or by resolution of the Senate.

The Senate, thereupon, proceeded to the election of printer to the Senate; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that Ritchie & Heiss were duly elected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution from the House of Representatives for the election of two chaplains of different denominations,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Cameron, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Haywood, Jenness, Levy, Lewis, Mangum, Pennybacker, Speight, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Fairfield, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

The motion by Mr. Fairfield to refer the said memorial to a select committee was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the committee consist of five members, to be appointed by the President of the Senate: and

Mr. Fairfield, Mr. John M. Clayton, Mr. Dix, Mr. Mangum, and Mr. Sturgeon, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of a convention of claimants to indemnity for French spoliations, assembled at New York, praying the settlement of their claims: which was referred to the select committee to whom the memorial of Thomas McLellan has been referred.

Mr. Webster presented five petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Barrow presented the petition of John A. Ragan, praying compensation for his services as counsel for the United States in a question of alleged frauds by the commissioner who negotiated the treaty with the Caddo Indians of July 1, 1835: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure an appropriation for improving the harbor of Havre de Grace: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Alexander Vattemare, praying that the provisions of the joint resolution of July 20, 1840, relating to the exchange of books and public documents with foreign countries, may be carried into effect: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of Franklin Whitney, praying compensation for losses sustained in consequence of the rejection of his application for a patent for an invention: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jenness presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of New Hampshire, in favor of the claim of the United States to the Oregon Territory as far as the 54th degree of north latitude, and expressing their disapprobation of the interference of the British government on the subject of Texas.

Ordered, That they lie on the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Hoggatt, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of the inhabitants of the parishes of Ascension and Iberville, in Louisiana, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs of David Noble, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the petition of Pierre Menard and others, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of William Elliott, jr., be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the petition of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the petition of William C. Easton, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That John F. Wilmott, executor of Robert Wilmott, deceased, have leave to withdraw his memorial.

On motion by Mr. Simmons,

Ordered, That Robert Purkis have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the petition of Joshua Shaw, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the petitions and memorials heretofore presented, praying the payment of claims for French spoliations prior to 1800, be referred to the select committee appointed on the subject.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That Gideon Batchelder and others have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Atchison submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Territories be instructed to inquire into the expediency of organizing a government for the Territory of Oregon.

2. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing block-house and stockade forts and military posts from the frontiers of Missouri to Frémont's pass, in the Rocky mountains; and from thence through the Oregon Territory to the mouth of the Columbia river; and, also, to inquire into the expediency of raising and organizing a corps of mounted riflemen for the purpose of escorting emigrants to, and protecting American citizens in, the Oregon Territory.

3. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting lands to actual settlers in the Territory of Oregon.

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of organizing, arming, and equipping the militia of Oregon Territory.

5. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing Indian agencies and sub-agencies in the Oregon Territory; and the extension of the laws of the United States regulating intercourse with the Indians over said Territory as far as they may be applicable.

6. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail route from the frontiers of Missouri to the city of Oregon, in the Oregon Territory.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the erection of a custom-house in the city of New Orleans; and into the expediency of making an appropriation to improve the harbor at Port Pontchartrain, in the State of Louisiana.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating estimates of the cost of those works, made to the Senate February 4, 1845, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the fourth section of the act, approved August 23, 1842, as abolishes the office of one Inspector General, and of restoring the said office and the officer, the same as though the said act had never been passed.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed upon the type now standing, a sufficient additional number of Frémont's report, to supply the members of the Senate who have taken their seats since the 4th of March last, the same number of copies that have been, or may be, distributed to the Senators who were elected prior to that time.

Mr. Upham having been excused, on his motion, from serving on the Committee on Pensions:

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the President of the Senate to fill the vacancy; and

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, was appointed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Allen asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 2) in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bagby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 16) to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to pay to the widow of Edward Dyer, deceased, late sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, the same amount that was paid to the widow of Stephen Haight, former sergeant-at-arms, under the resolution of the Senate of the 13th of January, 1841, on account of funeral expenses in the city of Washington and of salary, until his successor was appointed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan the 4th instant, relating to the pay of an assistant messenger of the Senate; which was amended on the motion of Mr. Hannegan, and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the assistant messenger of the Senate, authorized by resolution of the 25th February, 1845, receive pay for the time he was so employed at the Executive session of the Senate in March last.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by Mr. John M. Clayton the 10th instant, respecting the erection of fortifications for the defence of the Breakwater harbor and on Pea Patch island; and the resolutions were agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Levy the 10th instant, relating to the expenditures for the preservation of live-oak timber; which was amended on the motion of Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform the Senate what number of agents are now employed for the preservation of timber, the amount of salary paid for such service, the authority of law under which they are employed, and the fund from which they are paid; also, the amount of allowances of every description made within the last twenty years in the settlement of the accounts of said agents, or otherwise, connected with this branch of the service; the number of suits or prosecutions instituted within the same period for trespasses upon the public lands, the result of such suits or prosecutions, and the costs and expense incurred by the United States therein, including the amount of damages paid by the United States within the same period for illegal interference by the aforesaid agents with private rights; also, that he inform the Senate of the amount of all expenditures on account of live-oak plantations, and the present condition of said plantations.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. John M. Clayton the 10th instant, relating to the erection of a light in the river Delaware; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. John M. Clayton the 10th instant, for the reduction of the prices allowed for the printing to be executed for the Senate; and,

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. John

M. Clayton the 10th instant, respecting the improvement of certain harbors in the State of Delaware; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Barrow the 10th instant, respecting the removal of the raft in Red river; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Speight the 15th instant, respecting the establishment of a mail between Mobile, Alabama, and Jackson, Mississippi; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Speight the 15th instant, to grant certain inundated lands to the States in which they lie; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Ashley the 15th instant, respecting an additional court for the district of Arkansas; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Miller the 16th instant, for the establishment of a port of entry at Jersey city; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, the 16th instant, in relation to the compensation of the district attorney of the United States for the district of Louisiana; and the resolution was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1) for the purchase of the stock of the Louisville and Portland Canal Company, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

The bill (S. 2) to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the rivers Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

The bill (S. 5) to establish the collection district of Chicago, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill (S. 6) for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Antoine Peltier, and of Joseph Placy, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

The bill (S. 7) for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliott, jr., of Fulton county, State of Illinois, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to foreign affairs, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1845.

Mr. Lewis presented the credentials of the Hon. John C. Calhoun, elected a Senator by the senate and house of representatives of the State of South Carolina to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Daniel S. Huger.

Mr. Calhoun attended; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Webster presented three petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, and two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of Stephen May, praying the reimbursement of the costs and expenses of a suit instituted against him by the United States, as surety of a delinquent postmaster: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petition be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Miller presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, recommending an appropriation for removing obstructions to the navigation of the Passaic river, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petition be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Evans submitted documents relating to the claim of John Clark, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, to a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Davis presented two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of Ann Mix, widow of Mervine P. Mix, deceased, late an officer in the navy, praying the purchase by the government of a patent right taken out by her late husband for an invention of a manger stopper for chain cables: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of James McIntosh, an officer in the navy, praying compensation for the performance of duties appertaining to a higher grade in the service than that to which he belonged: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented three petitions of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of citizens of Vermont, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Fairfield presented five petitions of citizens of Maine, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Corwin presented six petitions of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield presented a memorial of merchants, ship owners, and others, citizens of Saco, Maine, praying an appropriation for repairing the piers in the Saco river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fairfield presented a memorial of the forward officers attached to the late exploring expedition, praying to be allowed extra compensation for their services: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of Cary H. Seely, a seaman in the naval service, in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of William Pennoyer, a soldier in the revolutionary war, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of Richard S. Coxe, praying compensation for legal services as counsel for the Post Office Department at the request of the Postmaster General: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Atherton presented a petition of citizens of New Hampshire, praying that pensions may be granted to the soldiers in the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Clara H. Pike, widow of Zebulon M. Pike, deceased, late an officer in the United States army, praying compensation for the services of her husband in exploring the Mississippi river and the southern part of the Territory of Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Clara H. Pike, widow of General Zebulon M. Pike, deceased, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Amos Holton, a quartermaster in the army during the last war with Great Britain, praying an equitable settlement of his accounts: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of John McNeil, an officer in the last

war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Greene presented resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure the distribution by Congress of the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court among the several States and Territories: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jenness presented resolutions passed by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure the distribution of the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court among the several States: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pennybacker presented the petition of J. F. Caldwell, contractor for carrying the mail, praying the payment of certain sums of money alleged to have been illegally withheld by the Post Office Department: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That the document on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of the legal representatives of Francis Vigo, deceased, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the petition of William De Buys, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of George Duval, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Noah Miller, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the petition of the executor of J. J. Bulow, and the petition of the heir of Joseph Watson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the erection of barracks at Pass Christien, in the State of Mississippi, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, in relation to the claim of Joseph Morrison, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of organizing a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers.

Mr. Levy submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, it is advisable for the President to open negotiations with the government of Spain, for the ces-

sion to the United States of the island of Cuba, the inhabitants of said island consenting thereto.

Mr. Fairfield having, on his motion, been excused from serving on the select committee to whom have been referred the memorials praying indemnity for spoliations committed, under the authority of the government of France, prior to the year 1800:

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the President of the Senate, in the place of Mr. Fairfield; and

Mr. Webster was appointed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 17) granting a pension to Joseph Morrison; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 2) for the admission of Texas into the Union, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to consider the said resolution; and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this resolution be read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31 / Nays, ... 13

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Jenness, Johnson, of Louisiana, Levy, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Miller, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

So it was

Ordered, That the resolution pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

WASHINGTON, *December* 22, 1845.

I transmit to Congress a communication from the Secretary of State, with a statement of the expenditures from the appropriation made by the act entitled "An act providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the government of China," approved the 3d of March, 1843.

JAMES K. POLK.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 11) for the admission of Texas into the Union, reported it with an amendment: which was read.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliott, jr., of Fulton county, State of Illinois, reported it without amendment. Mr. Breese also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 18) for the relief of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever, deceased: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Speight, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 19) to aid the State of Mississippi in the construction of a railroad from Jackson, through Brandon, to the western boundary of Alabama: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have appointed the Honorable Mr. Wheaton, of New York, and the Honorable Mr. Kennedy, of Indiana, a Committee on Enrolled Bills, on their part.

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have elected William H. Milburne a chaplain of Congress, on the part of the House.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Senate, made agreeably to law, exhibiting the contingent expenses of the Senate during the year ending 30th November, 1845, and the amount unexpended at that time: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Webster presented eleven petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, a petition of citizens of New York, and three petitions of female inhabitants of Massachusetts, severally remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Jenness presented a petition of citizens of New Hampshire, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Emeline Owens, praying compensation for the occupation and use of her property by the troops of the United States in the year 1832: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail route from Cairo to Belleville, in said State, and a mail route from Fort Massac, on the Ohio river, to Farmington, in Missouri: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cass presented the memorial of John Crowell, late Indian agent, praying the allowance of certain suspended items in the settlement of his accounts: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of Charles Fletcher, praying the establishment of a mail route from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Daniel B. Baker, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Westcott presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Florida, accompanied by resolutions which passed that body, urging the adoption of measures for the liquidation and payment of the claims of the citizens of that State, in consequence of the destruction of their property during the Seminole war: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Robert Butler, praying compensation for property taken for public purposes under the authority of an act of Congress: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Archibald Smith, jr., praying the reimbursement of expenses incurred in a suit alleged to have been erroneously instituted against him by the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Archibald Smith, jr., praying compensation for cattle taken in the Seminole war for the use of the United States troops under the command of General Jackson: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Susan McCulloh, widow of a deceased naval officer, praying a continuance of her pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Barrow presented a petition of citizens of the parish of West Feliciana, in the State of Louisiana, praying that patents may be issued to them for the lands on which they have settled: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of Henry Etting, a purser in the navy, praying the repayment of expenses which he has incurred in the recovery of public money deposited for safekeeping in a banking institution in New Orleans: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of David D. Porter in behalf of Evelina Porter, widow of the late Commodore David Porter, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of Alborne Allen, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of C. G. Gunter, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of Hugh Wallace Wormley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of deepening the channel over the flats at the mouth of the river St. Clair, in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Haywood submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to report to the Senate a bill for extending the revenue laws of the United States over the State of Texas, and establishing collection districts therein, and to provide for the collection of the duties which are or may be imposed by law upon goods imported into said State of Texas, from and after the period at which the act admitting the said State into the Union shall be finally executed, and under the provisions of the laws of the United States already passed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing an act to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to report a bill providing for conveying the United States mail to and within the State of Texas, so far, as in their judgment, the public interest may require.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Saturday next.

On motion by Mr. Allen, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the motion to adjourn to Saturday next:

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That five thousand additional copies of the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office be printed for the use of the Senate, without the maps.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the Post Office Department, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to military affairs, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the navy, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the reduction and graduation of the price of the public lands, the policy of granting pre-emptions, and the sale of the mineral lands, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to manufactures, mechanic arts, and the wages of labor, be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United

States as relates to Indian affairs, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Barrow asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 20) to provide for the survey of the mouth of Red river, in the State of Louisiana: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 21) for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 22) to repeal the act which abolished the office of one of the inspectors general of the army, and to revive and establish said office: which was read, and passed to a second reading.

The resolution (S. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 11) for the admission of the State of Texas into the Union, together with the amendment reported thereto: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to extend the laws of the United States over the State of Texas, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a chaplain on their part: and on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Septimus Tuston was duly elected.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1845.

Mr. Hannegan presented the credentials of the Hon. Jesse D. Bright, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the State of Indiana, for the term of six years, commencing the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five: which were read, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Bright, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of Thomas Henshaw and others, praying an increase of pension granted to the militia who served in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Evans presented a petition of citizens of Maine, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Upham presented four petitions of citizens of Vermont, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That the said petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Upham presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Vermont, protesting against the admission of Texas into the Union without the consent of all the States, and requesting their Senators and Representatives in Congress to oppose that measure by all legal and constitutional means.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of Zadok Huntley, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of the representatives of George W. Corliss, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed seven years' half pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of Beebe Wadham, legal representative of Heman Allen, deceased, praying the reimbursement of advances made by said Heman Allen during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented the petition of the heirs of Mountjoy Bayly, an officer in the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed interest on his commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of masters of vessels and seamen engaged in navigating lake Erie, praying an appropriation for completing and lighting the harbor of Cattaraugus: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Jenness presented the petition of Ruth Ransom, praying the renewal of a lost bounty land warrant, issued to her as the legal representative of Nathaniel Nayson, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Richard Kidd and Benjamin Kidd, praying payment of the balance of a judgment in their favor against Samuel Swartwout, late collector of the port of New York, for duties illegally exacted of them: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Jonathan Little, assignee of Whiley & Taylor, merchants in the city of New York, praying the repayment of certain duties illegally exacted of them by the collector of that port, on a cargo of silk twist imported in the years 1838 and 1839: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a mail route from Oakland grove to Dezark bluff, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Ashley presented the petition of Scott, White, & Company, praying the repayment of a sum of money which they advanced to the paymaster

for the western department of the army, for the public service: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented six petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Ambrose R. Davenport, praying compensation for military services during the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Mary MacRea, widow of William MacRea, deceased, an officer in the United States army, praying compensation for the military services of her late husband: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Lewis presented the petition of Ross Winans, praying an extension of his patent for an improvement in the construction of axles for railroad cars: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Haywood presented a letter from Joseph Eaches, mayor of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, communicating a resolution passed by the common council of Alexandria, remonstrating against the repeal of the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia to reside in that city: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the petition of Jones Shaw, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of John McColgan, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of True Putney and Hugh Riddle, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of John Keith, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, (H. R. 2,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 23) for the relief of Mary MacRea, widow of Colonel William MacRea, late of the United States army: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ashley, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 24) to establish a permanent general pre-emption system in favor of actual settlers on the public lands: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Atherton, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against

the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, reported a bill (S. 26) to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Speight also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Levy, on his motion, had leave to withdraw the resolution submitted by him the 22d instant, in relation to the cession by Spain to the United States of the island of Cuba.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Atchison the 18th December, in relation to the organization of a government for the Territory of Oregon, and to administrative measures for the same: and the resolutions were agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Phelps the 18th instant, relating to the office of inspector general: and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, December 29, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the progress which has been made in the removal of the raft in Red river: which was read, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the correction of errors, and completing the returns of the survey of township one south, of range seven east, in the State of Michigan: which was read, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hannegan presented the memorial of James L. Cathcart, executor of James L. Cathcart, deceased, late consul general of the United States to the Barbary powers, praying compensation for the capture of the property of his testator while he was engaged in the execution of the orders of his government: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of James H. Causten, assignee of John B. Hogan, praying compensation for services rendered as commissioner for investigating frauds on the Creek Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented a petition of citizens of Delaware, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Atchison presented a memorial of chiefs, braves, and young men

of the united bands of Chippewa, Ottowa, and Pottawatomie Indians, praying that provision may be made, in the treaties which may hereafter be formed, for securing to them the fee simple in their reservations: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Ramsay, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Jesse D. Elliott, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That the petition of David Currier, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That Abner L. Duncan have leave to withdraw his memorial.

On motion by Mr. Cass,

Ordered, That the members of the Stockbridge nation of Indians have leave to withdraw their memorial and papers.

On motion by Mr. Bright,

Ordered, That Seth M. Leavenworth have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of constructing a ship canal round the falls at the Sault Ste. Marie, in the State of Michigan, with a view to the military and naval defence of the northwestern frontier of the United States.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing a period of age beyond which no officer in the army shall be called into active service during war; and if they consider such a measure expedient, then to consider, also, the regulations proper to be adopted to effect the object.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That the country included within the parallels of forty-two degrees and fifty-four degrees forty minutes north latitude, and extending from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean, known as the Territory of Oregon, is the property and part and parcel of the territories of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That there exists no power in this government to transfer

M. Clayton the 10th instant, respecting the improvement of certain harbors in the State of Delaware; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Barrow the 10th instant, respecting the removal of the raft in Red river; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Speight the 15th instant, respecting the establishment of a mail between Mobile, Alabama, and Jackson, Mississippi; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Speight the 15th instant, to grant certain inundated lands to the States in which they lie; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Ashley the 15th instant, respecting an additional court for the district of Arkansas; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Miller the 16th instant, for the establishment of a port of entry at Jersey city; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, the 16th instant, in relation to the compensation of the district attorney of the United States for the district of Louisiana; and the resolution was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1) for the purchase of the stock of the Louisville and Portland Canal Company, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

The bill (S. 2) to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the rivers Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

The bill (S. 5) to establish the collection district of Chicago, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill (S. 6) for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Antoine Peltier, and of Joseph Placy, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

The bill (S. 7) for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliott, jr., of Fulton county, State of Illinois, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to foreign affairs, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1845.

Mr. Lewis presented the credentials of the Hon. John C. Calhoun, elected a Senator by the senate and house of representatives of the State of South Carolina to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Daniel S. Huger.

Mr. Calhoun attended; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Webster presented three petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, and two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of Stephen May, praying the reimbursement of the costs and expenses of a suit instituted against him by the United States, as surety of a delinquent postmaster: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petition be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Miller presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, recommending an appropriation for removing obstructions to the navigation of the Passaic river, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petition be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Evans submitted documents relating to the claim of John Clark, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, to a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Davis presented two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of Ann Mix, widow of Mervine P. Mix, deceased, late an officer in the navy, praying the purchase by the government of a patent right taken out by her late husband for an invention of a manger stopper for chain cables: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of James McIntosh, an officer in the navy, praying compensation for the performance of duties appertaining to a higher grade in the service than that to which he belonged: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented three petitions of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of citizens of Vermont, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Fairfield presented five petitions of citizens of Maine, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Corwin presented six petitions of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield presented a memorial of merchants, ship owners, and others, citizens of Saco, Maine, praying an appropriation for repairing the piers in the Saco river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fairfield presented a memorial of the forward officers attached to the late exploring expedition, praying to be allowed extra compensation for their services: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of Cary H. Seely, a seaman in the naval service, in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of William Pennoyer, a soldier in the revolutionary war, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of Richard S. Coxe, praying compensation for legal services as counsel for the Post Office Department at the request of the Postmaster General: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Atherton presented a petition of citizens of New Hampshire, praying that pensions may be granted to the soldiers in the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Clara H. Pike, widow of Zebulon M. Pike, deceased, late an officer in the United States army, praying compensation for the services of her husband in exploring the Mississippi river and the southern part of the Territory of Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Clara H. Pike, widow of General Zebulon M. Pike, deceased, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Amos Holton, a quartermaster in the army during the last war with Great Britain, praying an equitable settlement of his accounts: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of John McNeil, an officer in the last

war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Greene presented resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure the distribution by Congress of the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court among the several States and Territories: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jenness presented resolutions passed by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure the distribution of the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court among the several States: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pennybacker presented the petition of J. F. Caldwell, contractor for carrying the mail, praying the payment of certain sums of money alleged to have been illegally withheld by the Post Office Department: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That the document on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of the legal representatives of Francis Vigo, deceased, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the petition of William De Buys, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of George Duval, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Noah Miller, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the petition of the executor of J. J. Bulow, and the petition of the heir of Joseph Watson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the erection of barracks at Pass Christien, in the State of Mississippi, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, in relation to the claim of Joseph Morrison, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of organizing a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers.

Mr. Levy submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, it is advisable for the President to open negotiations with the government of Spain, for the ces-

sion to the United States of the island of Cuba, the inhabitants of said island consenting thereto.

Mr. Fairfield having, on his motion, been excused from serving on the select committee to whom have been referred the memorials praying indemnity for spoliations committed, under the authority of the government of France, prior to the year 1800:

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the President of the Senate, in the place of Mr. Fairfield; and

Mr. Webster was appointed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 17) granting a pension to Joseph Morrison; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 2) for the admission of Texas into the Union, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to consider the said resolution; and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this resolution be read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31 / Nays, ... 13

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Jenness, Johnson, of Louisiana, Levy, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Miller, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

So it was

Ordered, That the resolution pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

WASHINGTON, *December* 22, 1845.

I transmit to Congress a communication from the Secretary of State, with a statement of the expenditures from the appropriation made by the act entitled "An act providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the government of China," approved the 3d of March, 1843.

JAMES K. POLK.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 11) for the admission of Texas into the Union, reported it with an amendment: which was read.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliott, jr., of Fulton county, State of Illinois, reported it without amendment. Mr. Breese also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 18) for the relief of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever, deceased: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Speight, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 19) to aid the State of Mississippi in the construction of a railroad from Jackson, through Brandon, to the western boundary of Alabama: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have appointed the Honorable Mr. Wheaton, of New York, and the Honorable Mr. Kennedy, of Indiana, a Committee on Enrolled Bills, on their part.

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have elected William H. Milburne a chaplain of Congress, on the part of the House.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Senate, made agreeably to law, exhibiting the contingent expenses of the Senate during the year ending 30th November, 1845, and the amount unexpended at that time: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Webster presented eleven petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, a petition of citizens of New York, and three petitions of female inhabitants of Massachusetts, severally remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Mr. Jenness presented a petition of citizens of New Hampshire, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Emeline Owens, praying compensation for the occupation and use of her property by the troops of the United States in the year 1832: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail route from Cairo to Belleville, in said State, and a mail route from Fort Massac, on the Ohio river, to Farmington, in Missouri: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cass presented the memorial of John Crowell, late Indian agent, praying the allowance of certain suspended items in the settlement of his accounts: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of Charles Fletcher, praying the establishment of a mail route from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Daniel B. Baker, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Westcott presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Florida, accompanied by resolutions which passed that body, urging the adoption of measures for the liquidation and payment of the claims of the citizens of that State, in consequence of the destruction of their property during the Seminole war: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Robert Butler, praying compensation for property taken for public purposes under the authority of an act of Congress: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Archibald Smith, jr., praying the reimbursement of expenses incurred in a suit alleged to have been erroneously instituted against him by the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Archibald Smith, jr., praying compensation for cattle taken in the Seminole war for the use of the United States troops under the command of General Jackson: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Susan McCulloh, widow of a deceased naval officer, praying a continuance of her pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Barrow presented a petition of citizens of the parish of West Feliciana, in the State of Louisiana, praying that patents may be issued to them for the lands on which they have settled: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of Henry Etting, a purser in the navy, praying the repayment of expenses which he has incurred in the recovery of public money deposited for safekeeping in a banking institution in New Orleans: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of David D. Porter in behalf of Evelina Porter, widow of the late Commodore David Porter, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of Alborne Allen, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of C. G. Gunter, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of Hugh Wallace Wormley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of deepening the channel over the flats at the mouth of the river St. Clair, in the State of Michigan.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Saturday next.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Davis asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 30) for the relief of Benjamin Adams and Company, and others: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliott, jr., of Fulton county, State of Indiana; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 26) to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions for one year, reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 27) to establish a collection district in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating the information called for by their resolution of the 18th of December last, in relation to the "number of agents now employed for the preservation of timber, their salaries, the authority of law under which they are employed, and the allowances of every description made within the last two years in the settlement of the accounts of said agents."

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *January* 3, 1846.

The message was read.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, exhibiting, agreeably to law, the balances of appropriations on the 1st day of July, 1844; the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1845; the repayments and transfers within that year, the amounts applied to the service of the year, and the unexpended balances on the 1st day of July, 1845: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the erection of a light-house on the Brandywine shoals, in the Delaware river: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Berrien presented a memorial of the Savannah chamber of commerce and citizens of Savannah, praying the removal of obstructions to the navi-

of the united bands of Chippewa, Ottowa, and Pottawatomie Indians, praying that provision may be made, in the treaties which may hereafter be formed, for securing to them the fee simple in their reservations: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of W. H. Hildreth, praying compensation for provisions furnished for the use of the Sac and Fox Indians west of the Missouri river: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of Hannah Branch, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jenness presented a petition of citizens of Durham, New Hampshire, praying the adoption of measures for the amicable adjustment of all international difficulties: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Atherton presented the petition of Reuben Mills, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Elizabeth Sailor, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Erskine and Eichelberger, praying the payment of a balance due on certain advances made by them to John Gunter, a Cherokee Indian, for which the United States became bound by the treaty with the Cherokee Indians of 1835–'6: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. McDuffie presented the memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of Charleston, praying the establishment in that city of a branch of the United States mint: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McDuffie presented a memorial of citizens of Charleston, South Carolina, praying the establishment in that city of a branch of the mint of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McDuffie presented the memorial of John Carter, of Georgetown, District of Columbia, praying that he may be authorized by law to bring one of his slaves into the District of Columbia from his former residence in South Carolina: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Smith, Thurgar, & Co., merchants in New York, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector of that port: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ashley submitted documents relating to the claim of Richard Elliott, a revolutionary soldier, to a pension: which, with the petition and papers on file, were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of Walter Jones and other members of the bar, in the city of Washington, praying the repeal of the law requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia to reside in the county of Alexandria: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ashley presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representative

of that State in Congress, to endeavor to procure the enactment of a law authorizing the public land to be sold in half quarter sections running east and west, whenever the same may suit the convenience of purchasers, and that the same may be entered only for actual cultivation; or, when contiguous to the homestead, by the actual settler: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to obtain the assent of the United States to the application of certain lands, heretofore granted to the State of Arkansas for the erection of a seminary, to the support of common schools: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of James McIntosh, a commander in the navy, praying compensation for services performed as an officer of higher grade: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Ramsay, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Jesse D. Elliott, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That the petition of David Currier, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That Abner L. Duncan have leave to withdraw his memorial.

On motion by Mr. Cass,

Ordered, That the members of the Stockbridge nation of Indians have leave to withdraw their memorial and papers.

On motion by Mr. Bright,

Ordered, That Seth M. Leavenworth have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of constructing a ship canal round the falls at the Sault Ste. Marie, in the State of Michigan, with a view to the military and naval defence of the northwestern frontier of the United States.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing a period of age beyond which no officer in the army shall be called into active service during war; and if they consider such a measure expedient, then to consider, also, the regulations proper to be adopted to effect the object.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That the country included within the parallels of forty-two degrees and fifty-four degrees forty minutes north latitude, and extending from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean, known as the Territory of Oregon, is the property and part and parcel of the territories of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That there exists no power in this government to transfer

for the western department of the army, for the public service: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented six petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Ambrose R. Davenport, praying compensation for military services during the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Mary MacRea, widow of William MacRea, deceased, an officer in the United States army, praying compensation for the military services of her late husband: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Lewis presented the petition of Ross Winans, praying an extension of his patent for an improvement in the construction of axles for railroad cars: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Haywood presented a letter from Joseph Eaches, mayor of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, communicating a resolution passed by the common council of Alexandria, remonstrating against the repeal of the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia to reside in that city: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the petition of Jones Shaw, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of John McColgan, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of True Putney and Hugh Riddle, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of John Keith, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, (H. R. 2,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 23) for the relief of Mary MacRea, widow of Colonel William MacRea, late of the United States army: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ashley, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 24) to establish a permanent general pre-emption system in favor of actual settlers on the public lands: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Atherton, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against

the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, reported a bill (S. 26) to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Speight also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Levy, on his motion, had leave to withdraw the resolution submitted by him the 22d instant, in relation to the cession by Spain to the United States of the island of Cuba.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Atchison the 18th December, in relation to the organization of a government for the Territory of Oregon, and to administrative measures for the same: and the resolutions were agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Phelps the 18th instant, relating to the office of inspector general: and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the progress which has been made in the removal of the raft in Red river: which was read, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the correction of errors, and completing the returns of the survey of township one south, of range seven east, in the State of Michigan: which was read, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hannegan presented the memorial of James L. Cathcart, executor of James L. Cathcart, deceased, late consul general of the United States to the Barbary powers, praying compensation for the capture of the property of his testator while he was engaged in the execution of the orders of his government: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of James H. Causten, assignee of John B. Hogan, praying compensation for services rendered as commissioner for investigating frauds on the Creek Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented a petition of citizens of Delaware, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Atchison presented a memorial of chiefs, braves, and young men

of the united bands of Chippewa, Ottowa, and Pottawatomie Indians, praying that provision may be made, in the treaties which may hereafter be formed, for securing to them the fee simple in their reservations: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of W. H. Hildreth, praying compensation for provisions furnished for the use of the Sac and Fox Indians west of the Missouri river: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of Hannah Branch, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jenness presented a petition of citizens of Durham, New Hampshire, praying the adoption of measures for the amicable adjustment of all international difficulties: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Atherton presented the petition of Reuben Mills, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Elizabeth Sailor, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Erskine and Eichelberger, praying the payment of a balance due on certain advances made by them to John Gunter, a Cherokee Indian, for which the United States became bound by the treaty with the Cherokee Indians of 1835–'6: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. McDuffie presented the memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of Charleston, praying the establishment in that city of a branch of the United States mint: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McDuffie presented a memorial of citizens of Charleston, South Carolina, praying the establishment in that city of a branch of the mint of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McDuffie presented the memorial of John Carter, of Georgetown, District of Columbia, praying that he may be authorized by law to bring one of his slaves into the District of Columbia from his former residence in South Carolina: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Smith, Thurgar, & Co., merchants in New York, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector of that port: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ashley submitted documents relating to the claim of Richard Elliott, a revolutionary soldier, to a pension: which, with the petition and papers on file, were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of Walter Jones and other members of the bar, in the city of Washington, praying the repeal of the law requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia to reside in the county of Alexandria: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ashley presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representative

of that State in Congress, to endeavor to procure the enactment of a law authorizing the public land to be sold in half quarter sections running east and west, whenever the same may suit the convenience of purchasers, and that the same may be entered only for actual cultivation; or, when contiguous to the homestead, by the actual settler: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to obtain the assent of the United States to the application of certain lands, heretofore granted to the State of Arkansas for the erection of a seminary, to the support of common schools: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of James McIntosh, a commander in the navy, praying compensation for services performed as an officer of higher grade: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Ramsay, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Jesse D. Elliott, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That the petition of David Currier, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That Abner L. Duncan have leave to withdraw his memorial.

On motion by Mr. Cass,

Ordered, That the members of the Stockbridge nation of Indians have leave to withdraw their memorial and papers.

On motion by Mr. Bright,

Ordered, That Seth M. Leavenworth have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of constructing a ship canal round the falls at the Sault Ste. Marie, in the State of Michigan, with a view to the military and naval defence of the northwestern frontier of the United States.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing a period of age beyond which no officer in the army shall be called into active service during war; and if they consider such a measure expedient, then to consider, also, the regulations proper to be adopted to effect the object.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That the country included within the parallels of forty-two degrees and fifty-four degrees forty minutes north latitude, and extending from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean, known as the Territory of Oregon, is the property and part and parcel of the territories of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That there exists no power in this government to transfer

its soil, and the allegiance of its citizens, to the dominion, authority, control, and subjection of any foreign prince, state, or sovereignty.

3. *Resolved*, That the abandonment or surrender of any portion of the Territory of Oregon would be an abandonment of the honor, the character, and the best interests of the American people.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 11) to extend the laws of the United States over the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (H. R. 2) for the admission of the State of Texas into the Union.

Mr. Lewis having been excused, on his motion, from serving on the Committee on Roads and Canals:

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy: and

Mr. Turney was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That an additional member be added to the Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Greene was appointed.

Mr. Greene reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 11) to extend the laws of the United States over the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

Mr. Hannegan, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred a bill (S. 9) for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, reported it without amendment.

The bill (S. 21) for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 22) to repeal the act which abolished the office of one of the inspectors general of the army, and to revive and establish said office, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Haywood, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (S. 27) to establish a collection district in the State of Texas, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass; and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Greene reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 11) to extend the laws of the United States over the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (S. 11,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled resolution (H. R. 2) and the enrolled bill, (S. 11,) reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the enrolled resolution (H. R. 2) for the admission of the State of Texas into the Union.

Mr. Greene reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 11) to extend the laws of the United States over the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed a joint resolution (H. R. 2) for the admission of the State of Texas into the Union.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1845.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made agreeably to law, exhibiting the contracts made by the Treasury Department, the payments for miscellaneous claims, and the expenditures from the marine hospital fund, for the year ending June 30, 1845: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of Shedrach Gillet and George Clark, praying the right of pre-emption to a tract of land in the State of Michigan: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Samuel Knight, jr., praying a pension for injuries received while engaged in the service of the United States, in the erection of a monument on Stage island, in the State of Maine: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Atherton presented the petition of the heirs of Crocher Sampson, deceased, a revolutionary officer, praying the renewal of a bounty land warrant alleged to have been lost or destroyed: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of Nathaniel Kuykendall, praying compensation for his services in carrying the mail: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Elizabeth Gassaway, widow of a deceased revolutionary officer, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Abigail Reeves, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cass presented seven petitions of citizens of Michigan, praying that a duty may be imposed on fuel purchased in Canada for the use of American steamboats: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jenness presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of New Hampshire, instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure a modification of the rates of passage, so as to authorize the transmission of newspapers free of postage within the limits of the States where they are published.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Barrow presented the petition of the heirs of Nicholas Barra, deceased, praying the confirmation of their title to a tract of land in Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Barrow presented a petition of citizens of New Orleans, Louisiana, praying the establishment of a national armory and foundery at Fort Massac, on the Ohio river: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Levy presented a preamble and resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Florida, recommending measures to ascertain the practicability of reclaiming the everglade lands in that State: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, praying an appropriation for completing the removal of the raft of Red river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, praying an appropriation for completing the road between Memphis and Little Rock, and for opening a road from Little Rock to Fort Smith, on the south bank of the Arkansas river: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, praying an appropriation for constructing levees on the Arkansas and Mississippi rivers, for the purpose of reclaiming the inundated lands adjacent thereto: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Harriet Ward, widow of a deceased naval seaman, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Peter Gorman, praying the payment of a balance due him on his contract for grading and gravelling the road leading from the capitol to the navy yard and congressional burial ground, in the city of Washington: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the petition of J. Throckmorton, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claims of Reuben E. Gentry and others, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the petition of Calvin Emmons, and the memorial of the executor of Uri Emmons, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Jenness,

Ordered, That David Little have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That John L. Delee and Andrew C. Armstrong have leave to withdraw their petitions and papers.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire and report whether any legislation by Congress is necessary with respect to the proceedings of the superior courts of Florida, sitting as federal courts since the 3d of March, 1845.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting five years' pay to Mrs. Mary Jane West, widow of Lieutenant James West, who died in the public service in 1834.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of an appropriation for the purpose of constructing a canal from the Mississippi river at New Orleans to lake Pontchartrain, so as to afford a direct communication to steamboats from the western country to the fort proposed to be erected on Ship island, with a view to the military and naval defence of the southern frontier of the United States.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to the Senate copies of the correspondence between the Attorney General and the Solicitor of the Treasury, and the judicial officers of the Territory of Florida, in relation to the authority of the territorial judges as federal judges since the 3d of March, 1845.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the more adequate defence of the port and harbor of Mobile.

Mr. Haywood submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the expediency of establishing the warehouse system for the storage of imported goods, in connexion with the revenue system of the United States; and that said committee shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States as refers to the commerce of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether, with a view to the defence of the country, it is not expedient, by subscription to its stock, or otherwise, and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the United States and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, to assist in the completion of the road of that company from its present western terminus to some suitable point on the Ohio river.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from

the further consideration of the petition of Mrs. Clara H. Pike, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Walter Jones and others, and that it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 28) providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent; and, with the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the 9th instant, in relation to suspended pre-emption land claims in Louisiana, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, relating to suspended land claims in Louisiana, be printed.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 29) to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 24) to establish a permanent general pre-emption system in favor of actual settlers on the public lands, reported it without amendment.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 29th instant, the enrolled bill entitled "An act to extend the laws of the United States over the State of Texas, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 27) to establish a collection district in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Cass the 29th instant, relative to the construction of a ship canal around the falls of Ste. Marie: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Cass the 29th instant, in relation to the active service of officers of the army: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted yesterday by Mr. Hannegan, relating to the boundaries of the Oregon Territory, and the claim of the United States thereto.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun, to amend the resolutions by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*," where it first occurs, and inserting:

"That the President of the United States has the power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senate present concur."

"*Resolved*, That the power of making treaties embraces that of settling and fixing boundaries between the territories and possessions of the United States and those of other powers, in cases of conflicting claims between them in reference to the same."

"*Resolved*, That however clear their claim may be, in their opinion, to 'the country included within the parallels of forty-two degrees and fifty degrees forty minutes north latitude, and extending from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean, known as the Territory of Oregon,' there now exist, and have long existed, conflicting claims to the possession of the same, between them and Great Britain, the adjustment of which has been frequently the subject of negotiation between their respective governments."

"*Resolved, therefore*, That the President of the United States has rightfully the power, under the constitution, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, provided two-thirds of the members present concur, to adjust by treaty the claims of the two countries to the said territory, by fixing a boundary between their respective possessions."

"*Resolved*, That the President of the United States, in renewing the offer, in the spirit of peace and compromise, to establish the forty-ninth degree of north latitude as a line between the possessions of the two countries to the said Territory, did not 'abandon the honor, the character, or the best interests of the American people,' or exceed the power vested in him by the constitution to make treaties:" and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That the resolutions, with the proposed amendment, lie on the table.

The bill (S. 26) to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 21. A bill for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers.

S. 22. A bill to repeal the act which abolished the office of one of the inspectors general of the army, and to revive and establish said office.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 27) entitled "An act to establish a collection district in the State of Texas, and for other purposes."

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 27) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1845.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Caroline E. Sanders, widow of William G. Sanders, deceased, praying a pension in consideration of wounds received by her late husband while commanding a company of volunteers in the war in Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Benton presented the memorial of Frederick Vincent, administrator of James Lecaze, late of the firm of Lecaze & Mallet, praying the payment of a balance standing on the books of the Treasury to the credit of Lecaze & Mallet, for advances during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Edward D. Tippett, praying to be allowed the pay to which he is entitled as a sergeant in the army from the date of his discharge to the end of the period for which he enlisted: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the erection of a light-house on the Brandywine shoals, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a mail route from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Warsaw, in Illinois: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of Joseph Radcliff, praying compensation for timber lost by the burning of the navy yard at Washington in the year 1814; and for damages sustained in consequence of the abrogation by the government of the contract with him for supplying timber: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That the legal representatives of William A. Slacum, deceased, have leave to withdraw their memorial and papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, the 30th instant, relative to the construction of a canal from the river Mississippi, at New Orleans, to lake Pontchartrain: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, the 30th instant, relating to a subscription by the United States to aid in the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Westcott the 30th instant, relating to a correspondence touching the authority of the territorial judges of Florida: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Bagby the 30th instant, relating to the defence of the port and harbor of Mobile: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Sevier the 30th instant, respecting an allowance of five years' pay to Mary J. West: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by Mr. Haywood the 30th instant, relating to the establishment of a warehouse system, and the reference to the Committee on Commerce of so much of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States as refers to the commerce of the United States: and the resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Saturday next.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Davis asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 30) for the relief of Benjamin Adams and Company, and others: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliott, jr., of Fulton county, State of Indiana; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 26) to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 27) to establish a collection district in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating the information called for by their resolution of the 18th of December last, in relation to the "number of agents now employed for the preservation of timber, their salaries, the authority of law under which they are employed, and the allowances of every description made within the last three years in the settlement of the accounts of said agents."

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *January* 3, 1846.

The message was read.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, exhibiting, agreeably to law, the balances of appropriations on the 1st day of July, 1844; the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1845; the repayments and transfers within that year, the amounts applied to the service of the year, and the unexpended balances on the 1st day of July, 1845: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the erection of a light-house on the Brandywine shoals, in the Delaware; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Berrien presented a memorial of the Savannah chamber of commerce and citizens of Savannah, praying the removal of obstructions to the navi-

gation of the Savannah river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of the representatives of John Rice Jones, deceased, praying the confirmation of their title to a tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Atherton presented a petition of citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, praying the adoption of measures for the amicable adjustment of international difficulties, without a recourse to war: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of Sarah Little, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented two petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented eight petitions of citizens of New York, and a petition of citizens of New Hampshire, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Bright presented a petition of citizens of Jeffersonville, Indiana, praying the construction of a canal around the falls of the Ohio river: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of David L. White, praying compensation for his services as collector of the port of Appalachicola, in Florida: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Lewis presented the memorial of James Bogardus, praying an extension of his patent for an improvement in grist mills: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the petition of Stephen Steele and James Daniel, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of William Miller, and the petition of Comfort Drew, widow of Noah Smith, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Ebenezer Ballard, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 31st December, 1845, "An act to establish a collection district in the State of Texas, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 31) to direct the President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the State of Illinois and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dickinson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 32) to improve the navigation of Hudson river: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 4) "relative to the printing and distribution of the annual estimates;" also,

An act (H. R. 6) to establish the collection district of Chicago:

in which resolution and bill they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The resolution (H. R. 4) relative to the printing and distribution of the annual estimates was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (H. R. 6) to establish the collection district of Chicago was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliott, junior, of Fulton county, State of Illinois, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1846.

Mr. Evans submitted a document in relation to the claim of Smith Cram, a revolutionary soldier, to a pension: which, with his petition on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bagby presented the petition of David Little, praying compensation for his extra services as a messenger in the Patent Office: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Atherton presented the petition of Hannah Atwood, widow of Francis A. Drew, a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of citizens of Vermont, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery: which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles G. Page, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Smith, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the heirs of Robert Moore have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That Benjamin Ballard have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That Nathaniel Stafford have leave to withdraw the documents relating to his claim on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the president and professors of William and Mary College have leave to withdraw their petition.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the administrator of Isaac Garretson have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Mr. Upham submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the army when on fatigue duty," approved March 2, 1819, as to allow the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army employed on constant labor at work on fortifications, cutting roads, &c., eighteen cents per day, in lieu of fifteen cents and an extra gill of spirits, now allowed by said act.

Resolved, That said committee be further instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the commanding officer of a permanent fort or garrison to administer the oath required by law to a recruit on his enlisting, or a soldier on re-enlisting, into the service of the United States.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (H. R. 4) relative to the printing and distribution of the annual estimates.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of James Bogardus, reported a bill (S. 33) for his relief: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, to whom was referred a resolution, submitted by Mr. John M. Clayton, relating to the printing for the Senate, reported a resolution (S. R. 3) regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation of the same: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to

whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 34) establishing certain post routes: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 35) authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made under Indian treaties, to alienate the same in fee: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Ashley asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 36) for the relief of David F. Williamson, of Pope county, State of Arkansas: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1846.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Francis Summerauer, praying a pension for disabilities contracted in the military service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jarnagin presented the petition of Preston Starritt and others, praying the passage of a law authorizing the appointment of a board of commissioners to adjudicate the claims arising under the Cherokee treaty of 1835'-6: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the erection of a light-house on the Brandywine shoals, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of John L. Worden, a passed midshipman in the navy, praying compensation for the performance of duties appertaining to officers of a higher grade: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of Jane Heyl, widow of Christopher Heyl, deceased, late a soldier in the army of the United States, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Jenness,

Ordered, That the petition of Pearson Cogswell, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Mayo, legal representative of George Mayo, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Phillips, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bright,

Ordered, That the petition of the executor of Henry King, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the petition of Asa Andrews, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be prepared, for the

use of the Senate, ten thousand copies of the map of the Oregon Territory, compiled by the United States exploring expedition; provided said maps shall not cost more than ten dollars per hundred.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate all the information in his department, relating to the mineral lands in the State of Illinois, south of the base line, and east of the third principal meridian; together with the number of leases or permits to work the same, and the amount of rents, if any, received therefrom.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting light-houses at the following points on the coast of Mississippi: one on St. Joseph's island; one on Merrill's shell bank; one at Mississippi city, opposite John J. McCough's dwelling-house, and one at or near Beloxi.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee of Claims, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be, and they are hereby, authorized to employ a clerk at a rate of compensation not exceeding four dollars per day.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate such information, relating to the mineral regions of lake Superior, as may remain in the Department of War; the nature and extent of the control exercised by the Secretary of War or the department, in relation to the same; the number and character of the permits and leases supposed to have been issued to occupiers of, or applicants for, any of such mineral lands, together with the number of applications for such permits, &c. which have been denied. And that he report also to the Senate a statement of such inconveniences or defects as may have been practically experienced in the management of said lands, together with his opinion of the best mode, by legislation or otherwise, of obviating the defects of the present system.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported a resolution (S. R. 4) appropriating a portion of the public ground, in the city of Washington, for the erection of a monument to George Washington: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill (S. 37) to pay the debt ascertained to be due to Texas, when an independent State, by the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Sevier submitted documents relating to the same: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill (S. 36) for the relief of David F. Williamson, of Pope county, State of Arkansas, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Clayton, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the

petition of Nathaniel Goddard and others, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 38) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Evans, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 39) granting a pension to Noah Connor: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the accompanying documents, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The resolution (S. 3) regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation of the same, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Contingent Expenses of the Senate.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I communicate to the Senate the information called for by their resolution of December 31, 1845, "requesting the President to cause to be communicated to the Senate copies of the correspondence between the Attorney General and the Solicitor of the Treasury, and the judicial officers of Florida, in relation to the authority of the territorial judges as federal judges since the 3d of March, 1845."

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *January* 6, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Senate, made in compliance with the eleventh section of the act of the 26th of August, 1842, showing the persons employed, during the year 1845, in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, and the amount paid to each: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hannegan having, on his motion, been excused from serving on the Committee on Revolutionary Claims:

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to supply the vacancy: and

Mr. Bright was appointed.

On motion,

Mr. Greene was excused from serving on the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary for the Department of War, exhibiting, agreeably to law, the contracts made under the authority of that department during the year 1845: which was read.

Mr. Benton presented a memorial of officers of the army of the United States, praying the legislation of Congress on the subject of brevet and staff rank in the army: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a memorial of pilots of Baltimore, Maryland, praying the repeal of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Joseph H. Bradley and others, citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying an extension of the powers of the orphans' court of said District: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bagby submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of Amos Holton: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of Blair & Rives, praying compensation for printing the compendium of the Sixth Census: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of John B. Walbach, praying compensation for services as aid-de-camp to General Wilkinson in 1801, and the reimbursement of his expenses and losses while acting in that capacity: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of forwarding merchants, and owners and masters of steamboats on lake Michigan, praying the construction of a harbor at the mouth of the Sheboygan river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the construction of a harbor at the mouth of the Sheboygan river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of the heirs of Gilbert Dench, praying indemnity for the depreciation of the currency in which he was paid for his services in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Bagby was, on his motion, excused from serving on the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Calhoun having, on his motion, been excused from serving on the Committee on Finance:

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the President of the Senate to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Finance: and

Mr. Speight was appointed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, exhibiting, agreeably to law, the disbursement of the sums appropriated for the public buildings and grounds in the city of Washington, during the year 1845: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, information in regard to the expediency of erecting a light on the stone pier, in the river Delaware, near Fort Mifflin: which was read, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution

(H. R. 6) authorizing the erection, on the public grounds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 23) for the relief of Mary MacRea, widow of Colonel William MacRea, late of the United States army, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Benton also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, to whom was recommitted the resolution (S. 3) regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation of the same, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the joint resolution (H. R. 4) relative to the printing and distribution of the annual estimates.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 10) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement or compromise with Mangle M. Quackenboss, and his co-obligors, or any of them, for claims on bonds given by them as sureties to the United States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Allen, directing certain copies to be prepared of the map of Oregon: and the resolution was agreed to.

The bill (S. 33) for the relief of James Bogardus, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of James Bogardus."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 29) to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, and the blanks filled, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday, the 12th instant.

The bill (S. 34) establishing certain post routes, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The resolution (S. 4) appropriating a portion of the public ground in the city of Washington, for a monument to George Washington, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the

resolution (S. 3) regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation of the same, together with the amendment reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 9) for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois: and,

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Wednesday, the 21st instant.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1846.

Mr. Pearce presented the petition of Mary Williams, praying compensation for property destroyed by the Seminole Indians, in consequence of its military occupation by the troops of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Jonathan Thompson, praying the reimbursement of certain moneys illegally charged against him in the settlement of his accounts as collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Hugh Munro McLean, praying the payment of certain outstanding loan office certificates: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Haywood presented the memorial of Sally Bass, daughter and heir of Charles Pasteur, deceased, late a surgeon in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay, and compensation for the loss of his medical stores at the battle of Camden: which, with her petition on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress to use their influence to procure the passage of a law authorizing the appropriation of the lands heretofore granted to that State for a seminary of learning, to the purposes of common schools: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of a reduction of the rates of postage: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of a law securing to settlers on lands covered by confirmed Spanish or French grants, their rights of pre-emption to those lands, and authorizing the proprietors of those grants to locate other lands in lieu thereof, and also confirming the innocent purchasers of lands commonly called "Bowie claims" in their titles: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, opposed to the distribution of the proceeds of the sales of the

public lands among the several States of the Union: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress to oppose the establishment of a national bank; and expressing their opposition to any system of internal improvement unless of a purely national character; and also urging the modification or repeal of the existing tariff: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Little Rock to Fort Smith, a mail route from Perryville to Park's post office, a mail route from Benton to Perryville, and a mail route from Benton to Warren, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of the passage of a law authorizing sales of the public lands in half-quarter sections to actual settlers: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bagby presented a memorial of members of the bar of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying the repeal of the law requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia to reside in the county of Alexandria: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of merchants of the city of New York, praying an amendment of the law regulating the practice in the admiralty courts in the prosecution of suits for the collection of seamen's wages: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Ordered, That the memorials of William H. Thomas, the petition of a number of citizens of North Carolina relative to the appointment of commissioners under the Cherokee treaty of 1835–'6, and the documents relating to the claim of A. R. S. Hunter, on the files of the Senate, be severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the petition of Walter Loomis and Abel Gray, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That the memorial of the representatives of William A. Slacum, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate procure, and place in the room of the Committee on Foreign Relations, for the use of the committee, a connected series of general maps, a set of globes, and such books as the committee may direct, and pay for them out of the contingent fund of the Senate, provided the expenditure for this purpose shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred a joint resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United State to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative

to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Pennybacker,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to supply the vacancy in the Committee of Claims: and

Mr. Dickinson was appointed.

The joint resolution (H. R. 6) authorizing the erection, on the public grounds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The bill (S. 29) to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The joint resolution (S. 3) regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation for the same, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 37) to pay the debt ascertained to be due to Texas, when an independent State, by the United States, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Sevier submitted documents in relation to the said bill: which were ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 36) for the relief of David F. Williamson, of Pope county, State of Arkansas; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, exhibiting the expenditures made from the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the military establishment during the year 1845: which was read, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, exhibiting the names of the clerks and other

persons, other than officers of the army, employed in all the branches of that department during the year 1845: which was read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hannegan presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Indiana, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the payment of the claims of the representatives of Francis Vigo, deceased, for advances to the troops under the command of General George Rogers Clarke in the years 1778 and 1779: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Calhoun presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Georgetown, South Carolina, in favor of repealing the tariff act of 1842, and of establishing the warehouse system: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Joseph Wilson, a purser in the navy, praying to be released from responsibility for public money deposited in a banking institution which suspended specie payments: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Breese submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of Emeline Owens: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of the executors of Jethro Wood, deceased, praying the renewal of a patent right for certain improvements in the plough: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton, deceased, praying the aid of Congress in the publication of certain papers of her late husband: which was referred to the Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of Angier M. Perkins, praying an extension of his patent for heating buildings and evaporating fluids: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the removal of obstructions in the harbor of that city: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sturgeon submitted documents in relation to the claim of Andrew Moore, a captain in the last war with Great Britain, to a pension: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Turney presented the petition of Elizabeth A. Sevier, widow of Alexander G. Sevier, deceased, late an officer in the United States marine corps, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the erection of a light-house on the Brandywine shoals, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bright presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Indiana, in favor of an appropriation for improving the navigation of the western rivers: which were referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Indiana, in favor of the passage of a law granting pre-emption rights to the settlers on the Miami reserve, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles C. B. Thompson, deceased, praying compensation for his diplomatic services, near the governments of Chili and Peru, while in command of the United States squadron on the Pacific station: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of William Pumphrey, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land in Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of W. B. Bend, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying that the Senators and Representatives from the State of Texas may not be admitted to seats in the halls of Congress.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Pennybacker presented the memorial of the legal representatives of Moses Shepherd, deceased, praying compensation for work on the Cumberland road: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Ordered, That the memorial of Henry Newman, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of the heirs of Antoine Peltier, deceased, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the memorial in behalf of Francis A. Harrison, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate, in future, use the surname of Yulee in the journals, as the name of the Senator from Florida, heretofore called David Levy; his name having been changed, by act of the legislature of Florida, to that of David Levy Yulee.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be allowed a clerk, to be paid the usual compensation by the Secretary, out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to make inquiry as to the various late improvements in the construction of war steamers; and particularly to examine into the advantages of the late

improvements made by Lieutenant Hunter in his submerged horizontal propellers, and the adaptation of his plan of propulsion and construction for cruising and defensive purposes.

Resolved, further, That the same committee examine into the condition of the naval defences of the gulf of Mexico, and report what further legislation is required to give full security to the American coast and commerce of that sea.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying an act entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," approved September 24, 1789, and of the different acts supplementary thereto, so as to relieve the judges of the Supreme Court from the performance of circuit duties, and to reduce the number of said judges; or into the expediency of modifying the said acts so as to provide for a new circuit, to be composed of the States of Louisiana and Texas.

Mr. Atherton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so far amending the seventh section of the "Act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1845, and for other purposes," approved June 17, 1844, as to permit the appointment of such officers as may be necessary to protect the revenue on the northern and lake frontier.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 26) to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions: also, the bill (S. 33) for the relief of James Bogardus.

They have passed a bill (H. R. 20) to legalize certain land sales made at Chocchuma and Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, and to indemnify the Chickasaws therefor: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 7th instant, a joint resolution (No. 4) relative to the printing and distribution of the annual estimates.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (S. 22,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 22) to repeal the act which abolishes the office of one of the inspectors general of the army, and to revive and establish said office.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined; and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a memorial of Joshua Dodge, praying additional compensation for services and expenses as special agent of the United States to certain European governments, in relation to duties imposed by them on American tobacco: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the fur-

ther consideration of the memorial of Frederick Vincent, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 40) for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States, and for other purposes: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 42) to repeal a part of the act entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands, approved 5th April, 1832, and for other purposes:" which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Elijah White, reported a bill (S. 43) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Catlin, Peoples, and Company, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 19) to aid the State of Mississippi in the construction of a railroad from Jackson, through Brandon, to the western boundary of Alabama, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Speight also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred a bill (S. 34) establishing certain post routes, reported it with amendments.

The bill (H. R. 20) to legalize certain land sales made at Chocchuma and Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, and to indemnify the Chickasaws therefor, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention.

On motion by Mr. Allen, that the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 27th instant:

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott, that it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 10th of February next.

And the question being put on the motion of Mr. Westcott,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32 / Nays, ... 18

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton,

Evans, Greene, Haywood, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 10th of February next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Hannegan the 29th December, in relation to the Oregon Territory, with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Calhoun: and,

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 10th of February next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain towards the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Thursday, the 15th instant.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday, the 19th instant.

The bill (S. 36) for the relief of David F. Williamson, of Pope county, State of Arkansas, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Turney, to be excused from serving on the Committee of Claims:

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating information relating to certain mineral lands in the State of Illinois: which was read.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 26) to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions; also, the bill (S. 33) for the relief of James Bogardus.

Mr. Cass presented the memorial of the National Institute for the Promotion of Science, praying that an appropriation may be made for defraying the expenses incident to the custody and preservation of the public property committed to their charge: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Cass presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Deliverance Slasson, a revolutionary soldier, praying an increase of his pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Webster presented a memorial of citizens of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, praying that States hereafter applying for admission into the Union may be required by law to make a declaration of their assent to certain principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Hector Perkins, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Greene presented the petition of James Updike, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of Simeon Hubbard, legal representative of Cooper Polyreen, a musician in the revolutionary army, praying that he may be allowed bounty land: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Phelps presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Vermont, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to obtain authority from the government for the delivery to the authorities of the State of the cannon taken from the enemy at the battle of Bennington in 1777: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Allen presented the memorial of Cadwallader Wallace, praying compensation for certain outstanding Virginia military bounty land warrants: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Simmons presented the memorial of William R. B. Gale, praying compensation for his services as bearer of despatches from the American consulate at Tunis to the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Benton submitted a document relating to the affairs of the Washington Monument Society: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dayton submitted a communication from the Secretary of the Washington Monument Society, explanatory of its transactions: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of William Morrow, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to cause an examination to be made of the public lands subject to the overflow of the Mississippi river, between Memphis and Vicksburg, with an estimate of the probable amount required to protect them from such overflow, and the quantity of lands which will thereby become saleable, and report a plan for such protection, if practicable, at the present session of Congress, or at an early day of the next session.

Mr. Berrien submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire whether any and what legislation by Congress is necessary to enforce the provision of the act approved 3d March, 1845, establishing a post route between the cities of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, and Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, by sea.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment of the balance of certain claims ascertained and reported by the then agent to be due to certain persons for losses sustained during the Creek war.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Easton, Pennsylvania, presented the 18th December.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Secretary of War, communicated the 12th instant.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the message of the President of the United States, communicated to the Senate the 13th September, 1841, in answer to a resolution of that body, with copies of the correspondence touching the origin, progress, and conclusion of the late convention between the United States and the kingdom of Sardinia, be printed.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution: and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Turney asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 44) to establish a national armory at the Suck, on the Tennessee river, in the State of Tennessee: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Benton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 45) to repeal the acts laying a duty on imported salt, and granting certain fishing bounties and allowances to fishing vessels, in lieu of a drawback of the duties paid on the foreign salt used on fish exported: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 7) for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased, reported

it with an amendment, and submitted a special report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of David D. Porter, in behalf of Evelina Porter, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 18) for the relief of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever, deceased, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 23) for the relief of Mary MacRea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William MacRea, late of the United States army, deceased: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Thursday, the 15th instant.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the bill (S. 22) to repeal the act which abolished the office of one of the inspectors general of the army, and to revive and establish said office.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 26 and 33) this day reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 12th instant "An act to repeal the act which abolishes the office of one of the inspectors general of the army, and to revive and establish said office."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate an additional communication in relation to the memorial of officers of the army on the subject of brevet and staff rank: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a memorial of the chiefs of the Seneca nation of Indians, praying that the annuities falling due under treaties with the United States may be paid to them from the treasury of the United States, without the intervention of agents of the government: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a memorial of the chiefs of the Seneca nation of Indians, praying that authority may be conferred upon the trustees of certain funds invested for their benefit, to transfer said funds to the United States,

for the better security of their annuities: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a memorial of the Seneca nation of Indians, praying that the United States will secure the payment of the full amount of their annuity under the treaty of 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of citizens of New Jersey, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield presented a petition of citizens of York, Maine, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the Select Committee appointed on that subject.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Jemima Flood, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Pearce presented the petition of Philip Pearce, praying the right of pre-emption to a certain tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of citizens of Connecticut, praying the adoption of measures for insuring the peaceful adjustment of all national difficulties.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Bright presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for improving the harbor at Michigan city, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fairfield presented a petition of citizens of York, Maine, praying the adoption of measures for insuring the peaceful adjustment of all international difficulties: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of William W. Hall, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Edward Bolon, praying compensation for his trouble and expense in keeping in confinement certain persons charged with the violation of the laws of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Florida, in favor of the passage of a law authorizing that State to relinquish a certain township of land, and to enter other lands in lieu thereof, and to select any portion of the lands granted for seminaries of learning, public schools, the seat of government, or internal improvement, in legal subdivisions: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Yulee submitted a document relative to the use of the United States' property as a court-house for the circuit and county courts in Florida, the establishment of a jail in St. John's county, and the repair of the bridge across the St. Sebastian river, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Niles presented the petition of Joanna Quicey, daughter and heir of

Zephaniah Sampson, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Niles presented the petition of Mary Ripley, widow of a deceased revolutionary officer, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Yulee presented a petition of citizens of Hillsborough county, East Florida, praying the establishment of a mail route from Fort Brooke to Manitu, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War report to the Senate what further measures are necessary, if any, in order to secure the inland communication between Fort Gratiot and the works now in progress of completion at Sand Hill, on the Detroit river; and also, with that view, as to the expediency of rendering more permanently convenient and available the military road formerly laid out from Fort Gratiot to Detroit; and of extending the same to said military works at Sand Hill, and thence to the United States arsenal at Dearbornville.

Mr. Pennybacker submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act entitled "An act making provision for the payment of pensions to the executors or administrators of deceased pensioners in certain cases," approved June the 19th, 1840, as to extend the provisions of the same to the cases of persons entitled to pensions, but who have died, or shall die, before their claims for pensions have been allowed or shall be allowed by the War Department.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what further legislation is necessary to secure the title in the confirmees, or their heirs respectively, to certain lands confirmed by the governors of the Northwestern, Indiana, and Illinois Territories, and to report by bill or otherwise; and also to inquire into the expediency of establishing a board of commissioners, with power to examine and determine all cases of suspended patents where, under existing laws, the Commissioner of the General Land Office is not authorized to act.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion by Mr. Turney, to be excused from serving on the Committee of Claims: and the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy in the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, of the 13th instant, concerning the mineral lands in Illinois, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Allen asked leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 5) declaratory of the principles by which the United States will be *governed in* regard to the interposition of the powers of Europe in the *political affairs of* America.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin, that the motion for leave lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So the motion for leave was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Crittenden, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 6) concerning the Oregon Territory: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said resolution was read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 10th of February next.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the resolution be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Miller asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 46) "explanatory of the fourth section of an act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending 30th June, 1846, and for other purposes," approved 3d March, 1845: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Miller asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 47) to incorporate the Columbian Mutual Fire Insurance Company: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dickinson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 48) to amend the act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board of public and private vessels of the United States," passed May 3, 1813: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the petition of Catlin, Peoples, and Company: and in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the claim be disallowed.

The bill (S. 44) to establish a national armory at the Suck, on the Tennessee river, in the State of Tennessee, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Talcot Reed, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the

petition of William Butterfield, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Robinson and wife, legal representatives of Richard Wild, deceased, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Elliott, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 49) granting a pension to Richard Elliott.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The bill (S. 38) for the relief of Nathaniel Goddard and others, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business, by unanimous consent,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, accompanied by an abstract of expenditures under the head of contingent expenses, as settled and allowed at the office of the Fourth Auditor, for the year ending the 30th of September, 1845: which was read.

Mr. Ashley submitted documents in relation to the claim to a pension of Peter Ingles, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain; which, with the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to his claim, were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of marine insurance companies of the city of New York, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to urge the propriety of establishing a national armory and foundery in the State of Georgia: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien presented resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, in favor of the settlement of the claims of Georgia against the United States for the services of her militia: which were referred to the Committee of Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the repayment to the State of Georgia of the duties paid on iron used in the construction of the Western and Atlantic railroad: which was referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien presented resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, in favor of a division of that State into two judicial districts: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien presented resolutions passed by the General Assembly of *the State of Georgia*, in favor of the publication and distribution by Con-

gress, among the several States of the Union, of the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, in favor of the establishment of the following mail routes, viz: From La Grange, Georgia, to Chambers court-house, Alabama; from La Grange, Georgia, to Wedowee, Alabama; from La Grange to Franklin, in Georgia; from La Grange, Georgia, to Tallbottom; from La Grange to Columbus, Georgia; and in favor of additional mail facilities on other mail routes: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Berrien presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, in favor of removing the post office at Statesboro' to the court-house in Bullock county, and the establishment of a mail route from Dahlonega, Georgia, to Benton, Tennessee: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Berrien presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Marietta to Dahlonega, and from Cassville to Holly creek: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Ballard, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of James Low, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Jenness,

Ordered, That Thomas, Cowperthwaite, and Company, have leave to withdraw their memorial.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the judiciary of the United States, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of removing the restriction on the sale of certain lands in the State of Arkansas, supposed to contain lead ore.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they presented to the President of the United States, the 14th instant, the following acts:

S. 26. An act to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions.

S. 33. An act for the relief of James Bogardus.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Morgan, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, who were instructed, by a resolution of the 17th December, to inquire into the subject, reported the following resolution; which was read, and ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War prepare, or cause to be prepared under his direction, a statement exhibiting a true history of the relations between the United States and the several Indian tribes or nations, from the revolutionary war down to the extinction of the Indian title eastward of the

Mississippi. Also, a statement, in tabular form, of all the sums paid to different Indian tribes, for the purchase of their lands, designating each tribe, the date of purchase, amount paid, amount of land ceded or purchased, the annuities given to each tribe, the duration of such annuities, the amount held in trust by the United States government for any of such tribes, how much thereof has been vested in stocks, and the authority for investing the same, and the number of persons in each tribe, among whom such sums or annuities were or are divided.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the widow of Zebulon M. Pike, submitted a report accompanied by a bill (S. 50) for the relief of Mrs. Pike, widow of the late General Pike.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 2) in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser, reported it with amendments.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 51) to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 52) to grant to the State of Illinois certain alternate sections of public land to aid in the construction of the Northern Cross and Central railroad, in said State: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Public Lands the 13th instant, relating to lands subject to the overflow of the Mississippi river: and

The resolution having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to cause an examination to be made of the public lands subject to the overflow of the Mississippi river, between Memphis and Vicksburg, in the State of Mississippi, and those lands subject to inundation on the west side of the Mississippi river, in the State of Louisiana, from the upper limits of the State to the mouth of Red river, with an estimate of the probable amount required to protect them from such overflow, and the quantity of lands which will thereby become saleable, and report a plan for such protection, if practicable, at the present session of Congress, or at an early day of the next session.

The Vice President announced the appointment of Mr. Turney, to fill the vacancy in the Committee of Claims.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 14th instant, the following acts:

An act to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions.

An act for the relief of James Bogardus.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1846.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to notify the Senate of the death of William Taylor, one of the Representatives from the State of Virginia; that his funeral will take place from the hall of the House of Representatives this day at half past twelve o'clock, p. m., and that the Senate are invited to attend the same.

Mr. Pennybacker submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate has received with deep sensibility the message from the House of Representatives, announcing the death of the honorable William Taylor, a Representative from the State of Virginia.

Resolved, That, in token of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Senate will attend his funeral at the hour appointed by the House of Representatives, and will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

The Senate, having attended the funeral, returned to their chamber; and, on motion by Mr. Jenness, adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied by a report of the Commissioner of Pensions, made agreeably to law, showing the rejected applications for pensions during the year 1845: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the following reports:

Report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, showing the appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1845.

Report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, relating to an inland communication between Fort Gratiot and Sand Hill, on the Detroit river, and the military road from Fort Gratiot to Detroit.

The reports were read.

Mr. Allen presented the memorial of the chiefs and delegates of the Wyandot nation of Indians, praying payment of the value of their improvements ceded to the United States by the treaty of March 17, 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented four memorials of citizens of the United States, praying a modification of the laws for the naturalization of the subjects or citizens of foreign states: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying a reduction of the postage on half ounce letters, and the discontinuance of the franking privilege: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the chamber of commerce of New York, praying the establishment of a branch mint in that city: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Brower and Neilson, of New York, praying the reimbursement of the duties paid by them on certain importations of cotton from Texas, before the 31st of December, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Webster presented the petition of Asa Andrews, late collector of the customs for the district of Ipswich, Massachusetts, praying the payment of a balance ascertained to be due to him by the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Simmons presented the petition of Welcome Parmeter, praying a pension for an injury received in the military service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of the United States, praying that the right and title of the United States to the Oregon Territory, as far as fifty-four degrees and forty minutes north latitude, may be insisted upon in any settlement of that question by treaty or otherwise: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Ann W. Butler and Mary Meason, legal representatives of Richard Butler, deceased, praying the payment of a balance standing to his credit on the books of the Treasury for advances in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Calhoun presented the petition of John Strohecker and others, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained in consequence of the illegal seizure and detention, on the part of the local authorities of the island of Bermuda, of a ship and cargo, which was forced by stress of weather into that port: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Jarnagin presented a communication, signed by Samuel Martin, proposing a plan for the defence of the lakes: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Jarnagin presented a communication, signed by Samuel Martin, proposing certain modifications of the currency of the country: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the construction of harbors on the eastern side of Reedy island and at Bomba hook, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bright presented resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, relative to the construction of a canal around the falls of the Ohio river, on the Indiana side: which were referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright presented resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, relative to certain inundated public lands, and to the granting of the same to that State: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker presented the memorial of the board of trade of the city of Wheeling, praying the construction of a bridge over the river Ohio, at that place: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and *Post Roads*.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Mercer county, Mis-

souri, praying the establishment of a mail route from Trenton to the county seat of said county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bright presented the petition of Joseph Bigelow, administrator of Francis Cazeau, deceased, praying compensation for supplies of provisions and clothing to the revolutionary army: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Crittenden presented the memorial of Balie Peyton, praying compensation for property taken by the United States and used as a site for the erection of a light-house, at the southwest pass of the river Mississippi: which was referred, with the petition and papers on the files of the Senate, to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Yulee submitted documents relating to the claim of John P. Baldwin to compensation for a vessel burnt by order of a United States officer, near Cape Florida, to prevent its falling into the possession of the hostile Indians: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased, praying compensation for damages to his property by the troops of the United States while in the military occupation of Florida, in the years 1812 and 1813: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Yulee presented a memorial of Matthew Solana and other citizens of Florida, praying indemnity for losses sustained in consequence of the destruction of their property by the hostile Indians in the Seminole war of 1836: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be directed to inquire into Dr. William P. McConnell's submerged propeller and other improvements, and report on their utility and practicability to propel war steamers.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Rhoda Barton, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Jenness,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas, Cowperthwaite, and Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Barclay, of Missouri, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, of June 14, 1844, in relation to the survey of the straits connecting lakes Huron and Erie, and the improvement of a channel in the straits of Detroit, and the report from the Secretary of War, of December 3, 1845, in relation to the strengthening of the fortification at the outlet of lake Huron, called Fort Gratiot, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the petition of the New England Mississippi Land Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the widow of Jonas Johnston have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That Ezekiel Wade have leave to withdraw his memorial and papers.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That Frankey Quinn have leave to withdraw the documents in relation to her claim.

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That the heirs of the Rev. James Caldwell have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the memorial of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Greene,

Ordered, That the resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, in relation to the printing and distributing the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a petition of citizens of Ascension and Iberville, and also a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the 13th January, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 6) in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. John M. Clayton, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of the executor of John J. Bulow, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 53) for the relief of the legal representatives of John J. Bulow, jr., deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Phillips, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 54) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of J. Throckmorton, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 55) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 68) to regulate writs of errors and appeals from the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, exhibiting the names of the clerks and

other persons employed in that department during the year 1845, with the compensation paid to each: which was read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Turney presented the memorial of John A. Rogers, praying compensation for his services as inspector and examiner of the several land offices in Alabama and Mississippi: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of the chamber of commerce of New York, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Godfrey Pattison, in behalf of himself and others, merchants in the city of New York, praying the reimbursement of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted of them by the collector for that port: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Samuel A. Morse, praying to be allowed a credit for certain items rejected by the accounting officers in the settlement of his accounts as collector of the customs for the district of Passamaquoddy, in the State of Maine: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented a memorial of citizens of Portland, New York, praying an increase of the duties on soda ash, barilla, and sal soda: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of masters of vessels engaged in navigation on lake Erie, praying an appropriation for completing and lighting the harbor of Cattaraugus, on that lake: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Myra Clarke Gaines, heir and legal representative of Daniel Clarke, deceased, praying to be allowed to locate, on any unappropriated public land, a tract equal in extent to that which she claims by purchase under the Marquis de Maison Rouge, and of which she has been deprived by an informality in the survey: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of G. D. Duvall, praying remuneration for loss of property and imprisonment by the enemy during the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jenness presented the petition of Benjamin Watson, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Westcott presented the memorial of George W. Walton, praying compensation for timber furnished for the erection of a fort at Mandarin, in the State of Florida, under a contract with an officer of the government: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the memorial of Calvin Read, praying compensation for timber furnished for the erection of a fort at Mandarin, in the State of Florida, under a contract with an officer of the government: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Niles submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of William Pennoyer: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of the heirs of Abner L. Duncan, deceased, praying indemnity for the seizure of a vessel and

cargo by the United States brig Saranac, in the year 1827, for an alleged violation of the laws of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the memorial of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia, and the memorial of the Georgia Railroad Company, on the files of the Senate, be severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the petition of Edward S. Osgood, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Lilley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Long Island Railroad Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Turney,

Ordered, That the heirs of Henry Conway have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expedieney of providing by law for the more effectual publication of the laws of the United States throughout the several States and Territories.

Mr. Dickinson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be directed to inquire into the expediency of remitting to the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad Company the duty paid by them, or on their account, on certain iron rails imported and laid down, permanently, on said railroad since the year 1832.

Mr. Speight being, on his motion, excused from serving on the Committee on Public Lands:

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy: and

Mr. Chalmers was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Robert Ramsey, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 56) giving the assent of Congress to a change of the compact entered into between the United States and the State of Arkansas on her admission into the Union: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported the

bill (S. 28) providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the United States and Territories, without amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 30) for the relief of Benjamin Adams and others, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes:" which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Turney, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Radcliff, reported "that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Mr. Turney, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Amos Holton, reported "that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Saltmarsh and Fuller, submitted a report, accompanied by a joint resolution (S. R. 7) for the relief of Orlando Saltmarsh and William Fuller.

The resolution was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Zadok Huntley, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bagby asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 8) proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States: which was read, passed to the second reading, and ordered to be printed.

The bill (H. R. 68) to regulate writs of error and appeals from the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 34) establishing certain post routes, together with the amendments reported thereto; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 10th of February next:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Corwin, Crittenden, Evans, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Speight, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 27th instant.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1846.

Mr. Bright presented the petition of Philip Pollard and others, praying to be confirmed in their purchases of certain Indian reservations under the treaty of 1832 with the Pottawatomie Indians: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of citizens of Mystic, Connecticut, praying the adoption of measures for effecting a peaceful adjustment of all international difficulties and disputes.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the construction of harbors on the eastern side of Reedy island and at Bomba hook, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of Thomas F. Gordon, praying the aid of government in publishing a general index to the congressional documents and journals: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the construction of harbors on the eastern side of Reedy island and at Bomba hook, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Yulee submitted documents relating to the claim of E. A. Ware to compensation for printing the acts and resolutions of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida under an order of that body: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of the Long Island Railroad Company, praying a remission of the duties on certain railroad iron imported for the use of their railroad: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bright presented the petition of the heirs of Richard McCarty, deceased, a revolutionary officer, praying the repayment of advances made by their ancestor during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of John Campbell, deceased, an assistant deputy quartermaster general in the revolutionary army, praying an equitable settlement of his accounts and the allowance of commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the petition of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company, on the *files of the Senate,* be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the petition of Caroline E. Clitherall, widow of doctor George C. Clitherall, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the executor of Robert Wilmott, deceased, have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the several memorials on the subject of copyright, on the files of the Senate, be referred to a select committee to consist of five members, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Cass, Mr. Berrien, Mr. Dix, Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, and Mr. Pennybacker were appointed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Clara R. Cobb, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of William Butterfield: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of James Robinson: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of James Morgan: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 30 / Nays, ... 17

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Bright, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1846.

The Vice President presented an additional document in relation to the memorial of certain officers of the army on the subject of brevet and staff rank: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Pennybacker presented the petition of Joseph M. Sheppard, administrator of Richard Harris, deceased, and John Scott, administrator of Nimrod Farrow, deceased, praying compensation for damages sustained by Farrow and Harris, in consequence of the violation of their contract with the government for the erection of a fort on Dauphin island: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the construction of harbors on the eastern side of Reedy island and at Bomba hook, in the Delaware river: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of William Starke Jett, administrator and heir-at-law of Thomas Jett, deceased, praying the payment of certain outstanding loan office certificates said to have been lost or destroyed: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Benton presented the memorial of James L. Sawyer, praying compensation for services rendered as clerk in the office of the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Henry Northup, praying compensation for property lost in the military service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Benton submitted a document exhibiting the amount of bounties on exported salted provisions and pickled fish; allowances to vessels employed in the fisheries, and drawback on domestic refined sugar exported; and net duties on salt imported, from the commencement of the government to the 20th June, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of James H. Causten, praying the payment of the certificates issued by the United States under the Mexican convention, to claimants in whose favor awards have been made: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of the administrator of Isaac Garretson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That George J. Knight have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be directed to inquire into the merits and advantages of Richard F. Loper's patent submerged propeller; his improved patent mode of elevating and depressing propellers of steam vessels when sailing at sea or laying to in a gale of wind; also, his patent improved propeller steam-engine; and report upon the adoption of the same for naval purposes, especially for speedily converting sailing ships into the most effective class of war steamers.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing for the use of the Senate —— number *of a book* entitled "An account of the condition of the Oregon Territory, *its soil, climate,* and geographical position, together with a statement of

the claims of Russia, Spain, Great Britain, and the United States," recently published in this city by Windham Robertson, jr.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Mary W. Ketcham, widow of Thomas Ketcham, deceased, an officer in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, respecting the amicable adjustment of international difficulties.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John A. Ragan.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 58) in relation to seamen's wages: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the accompanying petition be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the resolutions of the legislature of New Hampshire, the resolutions of the General Assembly of Georgia, the petition of citizens of Durham, and the petition of Thomas, Cowperthwaite, and Company, reported a bill (S. 59) providing for the purchase and distribution of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States among the several States and Territories: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred a memorial in favor of Francis A. Harrison, reported a bill (S. 60) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

That the Senate resume the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Allen the 14th instant, for leave to bring in a joint resolution declaratory of the principle by which the United States will be governed in regard to the interposition of the powers of Europe:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Upham, Webster.

On the question to agree to the motion that leave be given to bring in the resolution:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Woodbridge, Yulee.

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The said resolution was read.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Webster submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate any correspondence which may have taken place between the government of the United States and that of England, or its ministers, or between the government of the United States and ministers of the United States abroad, on the subject of Oregon, since the last communication of the President, so far as in his judgment such communication may be made without prejudice to the public interests.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, exhibiting, agreeably to law, the disbursement or application of moneys, goods, or effects, for the benefit of the Indians, from October 1, 1844, to the 30th September, 1845: which was read, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, relating to the correction of an error in his report of the 2d ultimo: which was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Allen presented the memorial of Benjamin E. Green, praying to be allowed the usual pay and allowances of a chargé d'affaires for services rendered by him in that capacity, near the Mexican government, in the year 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented three petitions of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December 15, 1838, and May 20, 1842, concluded between the United States and the Seneca tribe of Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Atherton submitted documents relating to the claim of David Robb, late Indian agent, to compensation for services rendered and expenses incurred in removing allegations of fraud in concluding certain treaties with the Shawnee and Delaware Indians: which, with the documents on the

the claims of Russia, Spain, Great Britain, and the United States," recently published in this city by Windham Robertson, jr.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Mary W. Ketcham, widow of Thomas Ketcham, deceased, an officer in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, respecting the amicable adjustment of international difficulties.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John A. Ragan.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 58) in relation to seamen's wages: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the accompanying petition be printed.

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files of the Senate relating to the claim, were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the construction of harbors on the eastern side of Reedy island and at Bomba hook, in the Delaware river: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the construction of harbors on the eastern side of Reedy island and at Bomba hook, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of James B. Davenport, praying the confirmation of his title to certain land in the State of Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Niles presented the memorial of Charles Larrabee, late an officer in the United States army, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Archer presented two memorials of citizens of the United States, praying that the naturalization laws may be so amended as to require a residence of twenty-one years previous to obtaining the right of citizenship: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ashley presented the petition of Lewis Evans, a licensed Indian trader, praying compensation for losses sustained in consequence of the seizure of his property by certain Cherokee Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Hall, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the memorial of the representatives of John Fulford, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the "reports of the majority and minority of the Select Committee on the origin and character of fishing bounties and allowances," made at the first session of the twenty-sixth Congress, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing additional subordinate officers of the customs at the port of New Orleans, for the better security and protection of the revenue at that port.

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the port of New Orleans so as to include the city of Lafayette.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dickinson asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 9) to provide for the preservation of petitions and other papers presented to Congress: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 61) for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Webster, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Gardner and others, directors of the New England Mississippi Land Company, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 62) for the relief of Henry Gardner and others, directors of an association called the New England Mississippi Land Company.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 31) to direct the President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the State of Illinois, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Breese also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of Charles G. Page, reported a bill (S. 63) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Indian Affairs the 15th instant, relating to the Indian tribes: and,

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The bill (S. 34) establishing certain post routes having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 64) to provide for the more effectual publication of the laws of the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States, and for other purposes: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business, by unanimous consent,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 28, 1846.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the erection of a light-house at the mouth of White river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of two hundred and sixty-four citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties concluded between the United States and the Seneca tribe of Indians the 15th December, 1838, and the 20th May, 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of Charles Stearns, praying the reimbursement of the costs and expenses of a criminal prosecution instituted *against him upon* the information of an officer of the United States, in

which he was acquitted: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis presented two memorials of citizens of Northborough, Massachusetts, praying the adoption of measures for the peaceful adjustment of all international difficulties: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Oneida county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties concluded between the United States and the Seneca tribe of Indians in December, 1838, and May, 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Westcott submitted an additional document in relation to the petition of Edward Bolon: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted a document showing the length of the sessions of the Supreme Court of the United States, the number of cases disposed of, and the number remaining on the docket, annually, from 1841 to December, 1844, inclusive: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the petition of Martin Fenwick, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the memorial of the trustees of the Presbyterian church of Springfield, New Jersey, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Pennybacker,

Ordered, That the petition of the representatives of James Roddy and Robert B. Carter, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That Comfort Drew have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That leave be granted to withdraw the petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, in relation to an extension of the powers of the orphans' court.

Mr. Barrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the town of Plaquemine, parish of Iberville, in the State of Louisiana, to some central point in the settlement on Bayou Grosse Tete.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform the Senate whether any, and, if any, what amount of the three per cent. of the net proceeds of the sales of public lands, situate in the State of Illinois, but sold in the Vincennes district, north and south of the base line, and west of the second principal meridian, to which that State is entitled, has been paid over to the State of Indiana, or what disposition has been made of the same.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the fur-

ther consideration of the petitions of citizens of St. Clair county, Michigan, presented the 30th of December last.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Lydia Lush, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Nicholls, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Simmons asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 65) authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, together with the papers on the files of the Senate relating to the claim, referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States: and

No amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, Niles, Speight, Sturgeon, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Turney, Upham.

So the bill was rejected.

On motion by Mr. Turney, to reconsider the last mentioned vote:

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Fairfield submitted a letter addressed by the chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs to the Secretary of the Navy, and a communication from the Secretary of the Navy in reply thereto, relating to the augmentation of the navy: which were ordered to be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States, and for other purposes: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business, by unanimous consent,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1846.

Mr. Corwin presented the petition of Eli Hobbs, in behalf of himself and the other heirs and representatives of George Hobbs, deceased, praying compensation for property taken for the use of the troops of the United *States, in the* year 1812: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cameron presented three memorials of citizens of the United States, praying that the right of the United States to the Oregon Territory to the latitude of 54 degrees 40 minutes may be insisted on in any settlement which may be effected of that question: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of citizens of the State of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties concluded between the United States and the Seneca tribe of Indians in January, 1838, and May, 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Pennybacker submitted documents relating to the claim of John England, a revolutionary soldier, to a pension: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of James M. White and others, heirs and legal representatives of John Smith, T. deceased, praying permission to enter at the minimum price a quantity of public land equal to that to which they are entitled by virtue of a French concession: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Yulee presented the memorial of Orlando S. Rees, praying indemnity for the destruction of his property by the Seminole Indians in the year 1836: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the petition of citizens of Bates county, Missouri, in relation to a grant of land for a county seat, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the president and directors of the Tredegar Iron Company have leave to withdraw their memorial and papers.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That George S. Gaines have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Pearce submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing to be published, for the use of the government of the United States, one hundred and fifty additional copies of the scientific works of the exploring expedition, now in course of preparation and publication.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of Congress affording encouragement to citizens of the United States disposed to engage in the cultivation of tropical productions on the peninsula and islands and keys of Florida, by donations of land or otherwise.

Mr. Westcott submitted a report of a committee of the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, and documents accompanying the same: which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to communicate

to the Senate all the information in his possession relative to the present means of naval defence on the northern lakes; and also the best plan of providing for the "common defence" in that quarter, whether by a ship canal from the Illinois river to lake Michigan, or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the petition of James D. Cobb, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, made the 20th of January, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 26th instant by Mr. Webster, respecting any correspondence, since the last communication of the President, on the subject of Oregon: and the resolution was agreed to.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dix asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 66) for the relief of Sally Rockwood: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix also submitted documents relating to the claim of Sally Rockwood: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the memorial of David R. Porter, in behalf of Evelina Porter: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Talcot Reed: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Amos Holton: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Clara R. Cobb: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Zadok Huntley: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The bill (S. 63) for the relief of Charles G. Page having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Charles G. Page."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The resolution (S. 8) proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday the 2d day of March next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

That the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 17

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Cameron, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Phelps, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, February 2, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, accompanied by statements of the contracts made by the several bureaus of that department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1846: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, exhibiting the expenses of the national armories, and the number of arms manufactured at the same, during the year ending the 30th June, 1845: which was read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Westcott presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Florida, relative to the appointment of a commissioner on the part of the United States, to act with the commissioners on the part of the States of Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, in running and marking the boundary line between those States; which, with documents submitted by Mr. Westcott in relation to the subject, were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Calhoun presented the memorial of M. H. De Leon, executor of Thomas Cooper, deceased, praying the reimbursement of the fine and costs incurred under the sedition act in the year 1800: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Calhoun presented the petition of Peter Von Schmidt, praying compensation for a model of a pneumatic dry dock, constructed, by direction of the Secretary of State, for the use of the mission to China: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Miller presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of New Jersey, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to prevent the repeal of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of citizens of Jersey city, New Jersey, praying the establishment of a port of entry at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented the petition of John Jones, surviving partner of Jones and Souder, praying compensation for work performed and materials furnished in the construction of a wall around the Pea Patch island, under a contract with the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of James Hamilton and P. Schuyler, praying the purchase by the government, for the use of the navy, of their right to an improvement in machinery for curvilinear and compound bevel sawing: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of Samuel Simpson, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to prevent any increase in the existing rates of postage.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Sturgeon presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the construction of a macadamized road from the United States arsenal at Pittsburg to the harbor at Erie.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the necessary appropriations for the repair and preservation of the piers at Marcus Hook, in the Delaware river.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dix presented four petitions of ship-masters and seamen engaged in navigation on the lakes, praying the completion and lighting of the harbor of Cattaraugus, on lake Erie: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Breese presented a memorial of a convention assembled at Rockford, Illinois, praying the establishment of a naval depot and marine hospital at Chicago, and the fortification of the straits of Mackinac: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Berrien presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Georgia, declaring their assent to the principles of federal representation as they exist in the constitution, and their opposition to certain resolutions of the legislature of the State of Massachusetts, praying an alteration of the constitution in that respect.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Berrien presented a report of a committee of the legislature of the State of Georgia, accompanied by a resolution which passed that body in relation to difficulties between the State of Massachusetts and the States of Louisiana and South Carolina, arising out of an alleged interference of the former with the domestic institutions of the latter States.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of Meadville, Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for securing to the Indian tribes inhabiting the Oregon Territory the undisturbed possession of their country: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Atherton presented a petition of citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, praying that the existing difficulties between the United States and the government of Great Britain may be settled by negotiation, and that provision may be made, in all treaties hereafter entered into between the United States and foreign powers, for the peaceful adjustment of any difficulties which may arise: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Corwin presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Ohio, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure the confirmation of the titles of the purchasers of certain lands sold by that State as school lands: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Greene presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Rhode Island, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to oppose any measure for the increase of the existing rates of postage: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Greene presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Rhode Island, declaring their assent to the principles on which the tariff of 1842 was adopted, and their opposition to any change in its details not called for by the wants of the country: which were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Oneida county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties concluded between the United States and the Seneca Indians the 15th December, 1838, and the 20th May, 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Allen presented the petition of George Wingard, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McDuffie presented the petition of Milledge Galphin, legal representative of George Galphin, deceased, praying the settlement of his claims for merchandise furnished by his ancestor, a licensed trader, to the Creek and Cherokee Indians, for which provision was made by a treaty between those Indians and the governor of Georgia in 1773, which failed to be executed in consequence of the breaking out of the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of a commissioner to act on the part of the United States, in the settlement of the boundary lines between the States of Georgia and Florida and the States of Alabama and Florida, and of providing for the payment of the expenses of settling said lines.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to prepare and report to the Senate estimates for the commencement of a dry dock at

Pensacola, upon the plan recommended by a board of officers appointed under an act of Congress of June 17, 1844.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to communicate to the Senate such information as he can obtain in regard to the extent of the naval power of each of the maritime nations of the world, with the tonnage, number of merchant ships and vessels, and the aggregate amount of the commerce of each.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate such information as he can obtain, on the expediency of providing by law that ships and vessels navigating the river Delaware shall carry lights to avoid the danger of collision.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 34) from the Senate entitled "An act establishing certain post routes."

They have passed a bill (H. R. 128) relative to collectors and other officers of the customs; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of John Crowell, reported a bill (S. 67) to authorize the settlement of the accounts of John Crowell: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Clayton, from the select committee to whom the several memorials relating to the subject were referred, reported a bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, one thousand eight hundred and one: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred a resolution respecting the relations between the United States and the Indian tribes, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 10) for statements touching the relations between the United States and the Indian tribes: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Edward D. Tippett, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Pennybacker,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Caleb Green, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Edward Bolon, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Scott, White, and Company, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Morrow, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Turney,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Charles F. Sibbald, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Turney, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the documents relating to the claim of Loomis and Gay were referred, reported a bill (S. 69) in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a memorial of members of the bar of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and of the grand jury for the same, reported a bill (S. 70) to repeal the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia hereafter to reside in Alexandria: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Elijah White, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 71) to allow to Elijah White additional compensation for services, and reimbursement of expenses, incurred as acting sub-Indian agent west of the Rocky mountains.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of the executrix and executors of Jethro Wood, reported a bill (S. 72) to further extend the patent of Jethro Wood: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the memorial of Ross Winans, reported a bill (S. 73) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of William H. Thomas, and the petition of citizens of North Carolina, in favor of the allowance of certain claims arising under the Cherokee treaty of 1835–'36.

The bill from the House of Representatives (H. R. 128) relative to collectors and other officers of the customs, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 37) to pay the debt ascertained to be due to Texas, when an independent State, by the United States.

On motion by Mr. Evans, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following:

"*That there be paid to the State of Texas the sum of one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars, being the amount of the value of certain arms taken by an officer of the United States from a body of Texas volunteers, under the command of Colonel Snively, in the month of June*, 1843:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Berrien, Bright, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton,

Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Lewis, Pennybacker, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 128) relative to collectors and other officers of the customs, reported it without amendment.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 3, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, communicating abstracts of the returns of the militia of the several States and Territories, with their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition: which was referred to the Committee on the Militia, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, a map of Florida, recently prepared in the bureau of topographical engineers: which was read.

On motion by Mr. Yulee, that the map be engraved:

The further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Archer presented thirteen memorials of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying that the naturalization laws of the United States may be so amended as to require a residence of twenty-one years previous to acquiring the right of citizenship: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented a memorial of masters of vessels at New Castle, Delaware, praying that New Castle and Wilmington may be made a port of entry: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dickinson presented three memorials of shipmasters and seamen engaged in navigation on the lakes, praying the completion and lighting of Cattaraugus harbor, on lake Erie: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of William Marvin, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of Joshua Appleby, praying compensation for property lost in consequence of the destruction of the light-house at Sand Key, of which he was keeper: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented a memorial of citizens of New Castle, Delaware, praying that New Castle and Wilmington may be made a port of entry: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented two memorials of shipmasters and seamen engaged in navigation on the lakes, praying the completion and lighting of the harbor of Cattaraugus, on lake Erie: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Tioga county, New York, praying the abrogation of the Seneca treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of citizens of Montpelier, Vermont, praying the adoption of measures for the peaceful adjustment of international difficulties: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Mary B. Hook, widow of the late James H. Hook, an officer in the army of the United States, praying compensation for services rendered by the deceased in relation to the removal of Indians during the years 1835 and 1836: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Calhoun presented a memorial adopted by a convention assembled at Memphis, Tennessee, praying the aid of the general government for the completion of certain works conducive to the military and naval defence of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That it be referred to a select committee consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Atchison, Mr. Semple, Mr. Barrow, and Mr. Chalmers, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Allen presented the memorial of Robert Armstrong and William Armstrong, praying compensation for services performed in the army under General Wayne in 1793: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bright submitted additional documents in relation to the memorial of the president and professors of William and Mary College: which, with the memorial on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westcott submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of Edward Bolon: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott submitted a document in relation to lands granted to the State of Florida for seminaries of learning and common schools: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Westcott submitted a document relative to the disputed boundary line between the State of Florida and the States of Alabama and Georgia: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the heirs of John Tebbs have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That Samuel Grice have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the heirs of David Hopkins have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Bright,

Ordered, That Mr. Semple be excused from serving on the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Clayton,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President, on the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, in the place of Mr. Semple, excused: and

Mr. Phelps was appointed.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 34) establishing certain post routes.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 17) granting a pension to Joseph Morrison, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Low, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the documents relating to the claim of A. R. S. Hunter were referred, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hannegan, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2) to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the rivers Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 48) to amend the act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States, passed May 3, 1813," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Jonathan Thompson and others, of the city of New York, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Etting, reported a bill (S. 74) for his relief; and, also, submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Turney,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of resolutions of the General Assembly of Georgia, relating to the payment of claims for the services of the militia of that State, and that they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Turney,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Frederick Vincent, administrator of James Le Caze, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Pearce the 29th January, respecting the publication of additional copies of the scientific works of the exploring expedition: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Fulle

the 2d instant, in relation to a dry dock at Pensacola: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. J. M. Clayton the 2d instant, relating to the carrying of lights by vessels navigating the river Delaware: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. J. M. Clayton the 2d instant, relating to the naval power, tonnage, merchant vessels, and commerce of maritime nations: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Lydia Lush: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of William Nicholls: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

On motion by Mr. Bright,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 37) to pay the debt ascertained to be due to Texas when an independent State.

On motion by Mr. Bright, to reconsider the vote on the amendment proposed by Mr. Evans:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22. Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the affirmative.

After the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 1846.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for the peaceful adjustment of all international difficulties: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Thomas Wilson, praying payment of the award made in his favor by the commissioners under the convention with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of John Bronson, praying compensation for property taken by the enemy during the last war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Simon Rouseau, praying the right of

pre-emption to a tract of land in the State of Michigan: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cass presented a petition of citizens of the State of Michigan, remonstrating against the admission of Texas into the Union with a constitution tolerating slavery.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of Louisa Livingston, Thomas P. Barton, and others, praying payment of the awards made in their favor by the commissioners under the convention between the United States and Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented three memorials of ship-masters and seamen engaged in navigation on the lakes, praying the completion and lighting of the harbor of Cattaraugus, on lake Erie: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of officers of the army, praying the legislation of Congress on the subject of brevet and staff rank in the army: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That Julius Eldred and Sons have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Sturgeon submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Lieutenant Thomas Hall on the United States pension list.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail route from St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien, and State of Michigan, to Milwaukie, in the Territory of Wisconsin, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Pennybacker having been, on his motion, excused from serving on the Committee on Private Land Claims:

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President, in the place of Mr. Pennybacker.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 34) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 45) to repeal the act laying a duty on imported salt, and granting certain fishing bounties and allowances to fishing vessels in lieu of a drawback of the duties paid on foreign salt used on fish exported, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the documents accompanying the bill be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 11) providing for temporary mail service in Texas: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Yulee asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 75) to repeal the second section of "An act repealing certain acts of the Legislative Council of Florida:" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Edward Bolon: and,

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Scott, White, and Company: and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 38) for the relief of Nathaniel Goddard and others: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Turney,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 5, 1846.

Mr. Speight presented the credentials of the honorable Joseph W. Chalmers, elected a Senator by the legislature of the State of Mississippi to fill the unexpired term of the honorable Robert J. Walker, resigned: which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Chalmers.

Mr. Benton submitted a document in relation to brevet and staff rank in the army: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of Abraham W. Smith and others, praying the recognition, by the United States, of the independence of the republic of Liberia: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of the legal representative of John Brooks, senior, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of George Wentling, an officer in the revolutionary war, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of J. W. Nye, assignee of Peter Bargy and Hugh Stewart, praying remuneration for losses sustained by Bargy and Stewart in fulfilling a contract for macadamizing Pennsylvania avenue, in the city of Washington, in the year 1832: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Oliver C. Harris, praying an extension of his patent for a paint mill: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Richard Moon, praying the completion and lighting of the harbor of Cattaraugus, on lake Erie: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Barrow presented the memorial of Calvin J. Keith, administrator of Samuel Elkins, deceased, and the heir and legal representative of Nathaniel Cox, deceased, praying payment of the awards made in their favor by the commissioners under the convention between the United States and Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of the Mexican Gulf Railway Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That William Keller have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to report what progress has been made in the construction of fortifications at Key West and the straits of Florida, and to furnish the necessary estimates for a rapid progress of said works.

Mr. Mangum submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the 47th rule of the Senate be so amended as to admit on the floor of the Senate the ex-officers of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bagby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 76) to authorize the President to increase the naval establishment of the United States by adding thereto the naval establishment of the late republic of Texas: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 77) for their relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Chalmers, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was re-

ferred the bill (H. R. 20) to legalize certain land sales made at Chocchuma and Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, and to indemnify the Chickasaws therefor, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 61) for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 180) making an appropriation to enable the President of the United States to receive from the State of Texas the cession of certain property; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill last mentioned from the House of Representatives was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 128) relative to collectors and other officers of the customs: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States, and for other purposes: and,

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1846.

The Hon. James T. Morehead, from the State of Kentucky, attended.

The Vice President presented the proceedings of the board of commissioners of the district of Kensington, in the county of Philadelphia, in favor of the construction of a dry dock in that district: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Turney presented the memorial of Joel M. Smith, praying compensation for his services as pension agent at Nashville, Tennessee: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of William B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying indemnity for the loss he has sustained in consequence of the failure of a bank in which he had deposited public money: which was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Breese presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Belleville and its vicinity, in the State of Illinois, in favor of the claim of the United States to the Territory of Oregon; and of giving to the British government the notice provided for in the second article of the convention of 1827: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Michigan, praying an increase of the duty on soda ash and sal soda, and the

imposition of a duty on imported barilla: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of the American Peace Society, praying the adoption of measures for insuring the peaceful adjustment of all international difficulties: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Elijah Buchanan, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Hector St. John Beetley, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cass presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying that the right to settle on the public lands may be extended to such of the citizens of the United States as are not already possessed of other lands.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cass presented a memorial of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of merchants and others, citizens of Philadelphia, praying the construction of harbors on the eastern side of Reedy island and at Bomba hook, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the erection of a light-house on the Brandywine shoals, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of Harriet Ward, widow of Joseph Ward, deceased, a gunner's mate in the naval service, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to urge on the general government the expediency of making appropriations for improving the navigation of the Alleghany, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, in favor of an appropriation by Congress for repairing the piers at Marcus Hook, in the Delaware river.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, in favor of the construction of a road from the United States arsenal at Pittsburg to the harbor at Erie.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to prevent any increase of the present rates of postage.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented three petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the Seneca treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of Louis de la Houssaye, deceased, praying the con-

firmation of their title to certain lands in the State of Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Allen presented the petition of Nahum Ward, treasurer of the Ohio Company, praying the payment of certain outstanding loan office certificates: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sevier presented a petition of James Avaline and others, praying the adoption of measures for expediting the removal of the Miami nation of Indians from the State of Indiana, and for the payment of the debts due by the Miami Indians to citizens of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Livingston county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of the executor of Benjamin Chaires, deceased, Gad Humphreys, and Pedro Miranda, praying permission to locate a tract of land held under a Spanish grant: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That the petition of William Russell, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That the heirs of John Houston, deceased, have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to report to the Senate whether any naval armament is necessary upon lake Superior, and, if any, to what extent; and what is the best and most economical mode of providing for the naval defence of that part of the United States.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy report to the Senate such information as may remain in his department, concerning the fitness of the harbor at the mouth of Grand river, in the State of Michigan, for a naval depot; together with such views and comments as may seem to him appropriate, relative to the expediency of establishing at that place, or elsewhere in said State of Michigan, such naval depot.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 6th instant, the bill entitled "An act to establish certain post routes."

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with the request of the Senate, in their resolution of the 29th January last, I herewith communicate a report from the Secretary of State, with the accompanying correspondence, which has taken place between the Secretary of State and the minister of the United States at London, and between the government of the United States and that of England, on the "subject of Oregon," since my communication of the 2d of December last was made to Congress.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *February* 7, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and, with the accompanying documents, be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Evans, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John A. Ragan, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a resolution submitted the 13th instant, providing for printing the message of the President of the United States of the 13th September, 1841, transmitting copies of correspondence touching the convention between the United States and the kingdom of Sardinia, with the accompanying documents, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and it was agreed to.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, who were instructed to inquire whether any, and what legislation by Congress is necessary to enforce the provision of the act approved 3d of March, 1845, establishing a post route between the cities of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, and Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, by sea, submitted a report: which was read.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of documents relating to the claims of Reuben E. Gentry and others.

Mr. Pearce, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 128) relative to collectors and other officers of the customs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Yulee the 5th instant, relating to fortifications at Key West and the straits of Florida: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Joseph Radcliff: and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of William Morrow: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Edward D. Tippett: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the claim of Archibald R. S. Hunter: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the claim of Archibald R. S. Hunter, for supplies furnished the Cherokee Indians in 1836, ought not to be allowed or paid.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Edward Bolon: and,

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 7) for the relief of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, together with the amendments reported thereto: and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 24) to establish a permanent general pre-emption system in favor of actual settlers on the public lands: and,

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 2d day of March next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 23) for the relief of Mary McRea, widow of Lieutenant-Colonel William McRea, late of the United States army, deceased: and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States, and for other purposes: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 10, 1846.

Mr. Speight presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Mississippi, approving the course pursued by the Executive in relation to the Oregon Territory, pledging to the general government the support of that State in maintaining the rights of the United States to said territory, and declaring their assent to the principle of non-interference on the part of any foreign nation in the affairs of the American continent: which were read.

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of New York, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to oppose any measure for increasing the present rates of postage.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of R. Harmony and others, praying the payment of the awards made in their favor by the commissioners under

the convention between the United States and Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of Orazio De Attellis Santangelo, praying the payment of the claims of citizens of the United States to indemnity for spoliations committed on their property by the government of Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Morehead presented the petition of Phebe Pack, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a mail route from Eldorado to Warren, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying that the naturalization laws may be amended so as to require a residence of twenty-one years in the United States previous to acquiring the rights of citizenship: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of Samuel Grice, praying compensation for damages sustained by him in consequence of the impressment of his vessel into the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of the legal representative of William Shippen, deceased, praying the payment of an outstanding final settlement certificate, issued under authority of the Continental Congress: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the petition of George Gordon, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the memorial of Samuel H. Thompson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Pennybacker submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of Roddy and Carter: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible, in his opinion, with the public interests, a copy of the communication dated 17th October, 1845, from the agent of the United States at Mexico, relative to the payment of the fourth and fifth instalments of the Mexican indemnity, which is referred to in his last annual message as having been "received at the State Department on the 9th November last;" and also all information in his possession relative to the said instalments and to the payment of the said indemnity, not communicated with his message to the Senate of the 3d February, 1845, or received since that time; and also all proceedings of the State and Treasury Departments in relation to the collection and payment of the said indemnity, not heretofore communicated.

Mr. Ashley submitted the folllowing resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is required to prevent the crime of counterfeiting the legal coin of the United States, or uttering, passing, or having in possession such counterfeit coins.

The Vice President announced the appointment of Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, as a member of the Committee on Private Land Claims, in the place of Mr. Pennybacker, excused.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That fifty thousand additional copies of the message of the President of the United States of the 9th instant, with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 5) of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of the sixth of August, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony mountains, commonly called Oregon: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That Clara Cobb have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 76) to authorize the President to increase the naval establishment of the United States by adding thereto the naval establishment of the late republic of Texas, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Kuykendall, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 78) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Turney, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Northup, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turney, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Lilley, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Mangum, to reconsider the vote to discharge the Committee of Claims from the further consideration of the memorial of Joseph Radcliff:

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Joseph Radcliff: and,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the report lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 79) to provide for the confirmation of certain settlement claims in the St. Helena land district, Louisiana: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Breese, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 80) declaring the assent of Congress to the State of Illinois to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States in that State, from and after the time of such sale: which was read the first and

second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The resolution from the House of Representatives (H. R. 5) of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of the sixth of August, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony mountains, commonly called Oregon, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 128) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (S. 7) for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (H. R. 128) relative to collectors and other officers of the customs.

On motion by Mr. Cass,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention, together with the amendment reported thereto: and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith the report of the director of the mint at Philadelphia, showing the operation of the mint and branch mints for the year 1845.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February* 10, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committe on Finance, and printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a memorial of merchants and others, citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the construction of harbors on the eastern side of Reedy island and at Bomba hook, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Chalmers presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Mississippi, in favor of reducing and graduating the price of the public lands, and modifying the pre-emption laws in favor of actual settlers; and

instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure the issuing of patents by the United States for the lands granted to the State of Mississippi: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chalmers presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Lawrence county, Mississippi, in favor of a grant of public land to aid in improving the navigation of Pearl river: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Michigan, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to vote for the joint resolution for giving notice to the British government of the termination of the convention of 6th August, 1827, between the United States and Great Britain, concerning the Oregon Territory; and declaring, as their opinion, that the American continents should not be subject to future colonization by any European power: which were read.

Ordered, That they be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the heirs of John Fulford have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That the petition of William Morrow, reported on at the present session, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to cause to be made an examination of the public lands subject to overflow in the State of Arkansas, by the Mississippi, Arkansas, White, Black, Red, and St. Francis rivers, in said State; the quantity of land overflowed by each river; the quantity overflowed by the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers, and lying between and included within the boundaries formed by those rivers, the Louisiana line, and the highlands westward of the lands so overflowed; and that he report the amount necessary to protect those lands from overflow, together with a plan for that object, at the present session of Congress.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to transmit to the Senate such documents, papers, and evidence, as may be in their possession severally, showing when and under what authority Emilio Voss was appointed agent on the part of the United States to receive payment of money payable by the government of Mexico to the United States; whether he is a citizen of the United States or otherwise; upon what terms he was so appointed; whether said appointment was made at the instance or with the consent of the parties entitled to the said money when received; whether any objections have since been made by said claimants, or any of them, to said appointment, or the continuance of the same; whether said Voss has regularly communicated to the United States the receipt of money under said appointment; what communications,

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Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

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if any, have been made by said Voss to the government of the United States in reference to the two instalments which fell due in April and July, 1844; whether the said Voss's said appointment still continues in force; or, if revoked, when and in what manner; whether said Voss has ever paid over, or offered to pay over, to the United States, any orders, drafts, or other instruments received by him, or alleged to be so received, on account of said instalments; and what measures have been taken by the government of the United States, and when, to procure information upon said matters; and whether the money appropriated by Congress at its last session for the payment of said instalments has been paid to the claimants; and, if not, upon what grounds such payment has been withheld.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (S. 47) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847; also, a bill (H. R. 192) entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia:" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Caroline E. Sanders, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 51) to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Jane Heyl, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Hannah Branch, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Ballard, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 81) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the petition of John A. Ragan: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Cass the 9th instant, relating to the naval defence of lake Superior: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Woodbridge the 9th instant, relating to the establishment of a naval depot in the State of Michigan: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 10) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement or compromise with Mangle M. Quackenboss and his co-obligors, or any of them, for claims on bonds given by them as sureties to the United States: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 42) to repeal a part of the act entitled "An act supplement-

ary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands, approved April 5, 1838, and for other purposes," was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (H. R. 47) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill (H. R. 192) to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 12, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, an estimate of the cost of constructing a dry dock at Pensacola: which was read, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Genesee county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of Ann Kelly, widow of a deceased naval seaman, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson submitted documents relating to the claim of Sarah Overbagh, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Hezekiah Wingate, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Orleans county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a mail route from Kingston to Maysville, and from Gallatin to St. Joseph's, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Westcott submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of Edward Bolon: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott submitted documents relative to the appointment of commissioners by the States of Florida and Georgia for running and marking the boundary line between those States: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That John Frazee have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 180) making an appropriation to enable the President of the United States to receive from the State of Texas the cession of certain property, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the documents relating to the claim of Mary J. West were referred, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bagby, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 82) authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama for the use of the United States government in the suppression of the Creek Indian hostilities of 1836–'7: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill (S. 40) for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 18) for the relief of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever, deceased: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 10) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement or compromise with Mangle M. Quackenboss and his co-obligors, or any of them, for claims on bonds given by them as sureties to the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 42) to repeal a part of the act entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands, approved April 5, 1832, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th

of August, Anno Domini 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention.

An amendment to the reported amendment being proposed by Mr. Crittenden:

A further debate ensued: and,

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, accompanied by a statement, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the measures which have been taken for the construction of fortifications at Key West and the straits of Florida, and an estimate of the sum which may this year be expended on the same.

The report was read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Vice President presented to the Senate a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying an alteration of the constitution so as to abolish slavery in the United States.

A motion was made that the petition be received: and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

The Vice President presented to the Senate a petition of merchants and others, citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the construction of harbors on the eastern side of Reedy island and at Bomba hook, in the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Ebenezer Whitten, praying compensation for clothing and other property destroyed by the burning of the United States ship Adams in the year 1814: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of William Davis, in behalf of himself and Simon Davis, deceased, praying compensation for clothing and other property destroyed by the burning of the United States ship Adams in the year 1814: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield submitted an additional document in relation to the petition of James Low: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of Ebenezer Ballard: which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of Eli Hinds, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying an increase of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented five memorials of citizens of the United States, praying such an amendment of the naturalization laws as will require a residence of twenty-one years previous to acquiring the right of citizenship: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of John S. Gilbert and others, proposing

to construct, at the several naval stations of the United States, iron balance floating dry docks for the use of the navy: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Bright presented a petition of members of the legislature of the State of Indiana, and other citizens of that State, praying the removal of the land office from Winimac to Rochester, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Crittenden presented a memorial of citizens of Henry county, Missouri, praying that an appropriation may be made for improving the navigation of the western rivers: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That Reuben E. Gentry and William Head have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Nahum Ward, reported the following resolution; which was read, and ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the petition of Nahum Ward, with the proceedings of the Continental Congress relative to the matters stated therein, with the testimony heretofore taken, and all the reports made touching the loan office certificates claimed, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for further examination in connexion with the books and papers in the Treasury Department, and such further proof as may be taken by the claimant or the said Secretary on reasonable notice being given; and that the said Secretary report such additional proof, whether the same shall be derived from the books and papers in the Treasury Department, or from depositions, to the Senate at the next session, as early as practicable, with his opinion whether the loan office certificates claimed by the said petitioner, Nahum Ward, were used for the benefit of the continental or other service, and should in justice and equity be paid by the United States.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 13) in relation to the rendition of judgments against the United States in certain cases: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Ashley, that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the legal representative of Eleazer W. Ripley, and from the further consideration of the petition of Asa Andrews; and that the same be referred to the Committee of Claims:

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of documents relative to the payment of pensions, presented the 14th January, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the

further consideration of the petition of citizens of Philadelphia in relation to the adjustment of national differences, presented the 4th instant.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the documents relating to the claim of David Robb were referred, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the chiefs and delegates of the Wyandot Indians, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 83) to pay for improvements on the Wyandot lands in Ohio and Michigan, in accordance with a valuation made in pursuance of the 5th article of the treaty between the United States and the Wyandot Indians, made at Upper Sandusky March 17, 1842.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report, with the memorial of the Wyandot Indians, be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of True Putney and Hugh Riddle, reported a resolution (S. R. 14) for their relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 16. An act for the relief of Joseph Kemball;

H. R. 19. An act for the relief of Simonton Buffenbarger;

H. R. 30. An act for the relief of James Davidson, of the county of Fentress, in the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 32. An act for the relief of George D. Spencer;

H. R. 215. An act to amend the act approved the 2d of April, 1844, entitled "An act directing the disposition of certain unclaimed goods, wares, or merchandise, seized for being illegally imported into the United States;"

H. R. 217. An act declaratory of the powers, and legalizing certain acts of the chief clerk of the Patent Office:

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 11th instant, the enrolled bill entitled "An act relative to collectors and other officers of the customs."

The six bills this day brought for concurrence from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bills numbered 16 and 32 be referred to the Committee of Claims; that bill numbered 19 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that bill numbered 30 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that bill numbered 215 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and that bill numbered 217 be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read the third time:

S. 18. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever, deceased.

S. 40. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, on its third reading, (S. 42) to repeal a part of the act entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands, approved April 5, 1832, and for other purposes:" and

Resolved, That it pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 43) for the relief of Elijah White, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Colquitt,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 17, 1846.

The following messages were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of the Navy, communicating the correspondence called for by the resolution of the Senate of the 25th of February, 1845, between the commander of the East India squadrons and foreign powers or United States agents abroad, during the years 1842 and 1843, relating to the trade and other interests of this government.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *February* 16, 1846.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Attorney General, relating to a contract entered into by him with Messrs. Little and Brown, for certain copies of their proposed edition of the laws and treaties of the United States, in pursuance of the joint resolution of the 3d March, 1845.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *February* 16, 1846.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That the message, with the correspondence called for by the

resolution of the Senate of 25th February, 1845, be printed, and that one thousand additional copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the following reports:

I. Report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating information concerning the fitness of the harbor at the mouth of Grand river, in the State of Michigan, for a naval depot.

II. Report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, respecting the necessity of a naval armament upon lake Superior, and the most economical mode of providing for the naval defence of that part of the United States.

III. Report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating information concerning the present means of naval defence on the northern lakes.

IV. Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, relating to instalments payable by Mexico to American claimants for indemnity.

The reports were severally read.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of the Troy and Greenbush Railroad Association, praying the reimbursement of the duties paid by them on certain importations of railroad iron: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of officers in the army of the United States, praying the establishment of a military asylum for the support of invalid soldiers: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the removal of the land office from Palmyra to Bloomington, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Mary D. Wade, widow of a deceased naval officer, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cass submitted documents in relation to the claim of James Foster to indemnity for the illegal seizure and condemnation of his vessel and cargo, by persons acting under the authority of the British government, in Upper Canada: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Isaac Barnes, praying the right of pre-emption to a portion of the public land in the Territory of Oregon: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the petition of Mira M. Alexander, heir of George Madison, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That Peter Frost have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Cameron submitted documents in relation to the claim of the widow of James Ware, a deceased naval seaman, to a pension: which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire

whether any, and what, further provisions of law are required to secure to persons charged with offences against the criminal laws of the United States, which, from their nature, must be, in whole or in part, committed in a foreign country, a full and fair trial; and to afford persons so charged the proper means of proving their defence before the courts of the United States.

Mr. Dickinson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing suitable military fortifications for a military station at or near the mouth of the Genesee river, in the State of New York.

Mr. Dix submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing the harbors, bays, and entrances into the creeks situated between the harbors of Erie and Buffalo, on lake Erie, to be examined and reported upon by a mixed board of officers of the navy, corps of engineers, and topographical engineers, with the view of ascertaining the capability of either of the said harbors, bays, and creeks, of being made a port of refuge, observation, and refitment, to such part of the national marine as may, from stress of weather or from any other cause, be compelled to seek safety below the harbor of Erie; and that said board be instructed to prepare, at as early a day as practicable, plans and estimates for the improvement and military defence of the harbor, which, in the opinion of the said board, shall, from position and other local facilities, promise the easiest and cheapest attainment of the end contemplated in the first branch of this resolution.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of James Aveline and others, reported the following resolution; which was read, and ordered to be printed:

Whereas by the treaty of 28th November, 1840, between the Miami nation of Indians (residing in the State of Indiana) and the United States, the said Indians agreed to remove to the country set apart for them west of the State of Missouri, within five years thereafter: and whereas that time has expired, and the government of the United States, as well as the people of the State of Indiana, earnestly desire that their removal shall take place early this coming spring: therefore, in the furtherance of this important and desirable object, be it

Resolved, That the President of the United States, if he deems it expedient so to do, for the purpose of effecting a speedy, peaceable, and satisfactory removal of said Indians, may accept their draft or authority to pay their debts in yearly instalments out of their annuities falling due from the United States, not, however, to exceed a reasonable proportion thereof each year, and as he, the President, may, in his discretion, believe to be just and proper; and in like manner as was done by the President in the case of the Pottawatomie Indians at the time of their removal from the State of Indiana in the year 1838.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel B. Baker, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom

was referred the petition of Elizabeth Sailor, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, to whom was referred the memorial of Hector Perkins, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Carey H. Seeley; and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Pennybacker,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Mary B. Hook; and that it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Ballard, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 84) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of James Low, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 85) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Chaires, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 86) for the relief of Joseph Chaires, executor of Benjamin Chaires, deceased, Gad Humphreys, and Pedro Miranda, claiming to be the assignees of Jose de la Maya Arredondo, of the State of Florida.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of George Gordon, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 87) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 80) declaring the assent of Congress to the State of Illinois to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States in that State, from and after the time of such sale, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Ordered, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of members of the bar of Washington county, in the District, concerning the residence in Alexandria of one of the judges of the circuit court of the District of Columbia; and that the said memorial, together with a memorial of the mayor and common council of Alexandria, be printed.

Mr. Haywood, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 192) to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 5) of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of the 6th of August, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony mountains, commonly called Oregon, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the said resolution be the special order of the day for this day at 1 o'clock.

The resolution (S. R. 11) providing for temporary mail service in Texas, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 1846.

Mr. Lewis presented the memorial of Oliver K. Freeman, praying that the clerk of the county court of Macon county, Alabama, may be furnished with copies of certain public documents necessary as evidence in a suit now pending before that court: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Maria Ostrander, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Turney presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Tennessee, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to sustain the principles contained in the message of the President at the commencement of Congress; to oppose any proposition for the establishment of a national bank, the assumption of the State

debts by the general government, or the distribution of the proceeds of the public lands; and to use their efforts to effect a reduction of the tariff of 1842 to a revenue standard, and an extension of the laws of the United States over the Territory of Oregon.

The resolutions were read.

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Chalmers presented the petition of Harriet L. Catching, praying to be released from the payment of a judgment obtained against her by the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pennybacker presented the petition of Elizabeth Jones, daughter and heir of John Carr, deceased, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Pennybacker presented the memorial of Thompson Hutchinson, heir of Thomas Hutchinson, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Francis A. Thornton and Eliza P. Gwinn, children and heirs of Presley Thornton, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hannegan presented a memorial of citizens of Ohio, praying the establishment of a naval depot at Toledo, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Evans submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to communicate to the Senate any despatch or information he may have received from either of the ministers of the United States abroad, upon the subject of a ship canal across the isthmus of Panama, and of opening new channels of communication with the eastern nations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 65) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Jonathan Thompson, and that the memorialist have leave to withdraw his memorial and papers.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 88) to amend the act approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Missouri and Alabama south of the 31st degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers:" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Isaac Lilley: and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the adverse report of the Committee

on Indian Affairs on the petition of Lewis Evans: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the adverse report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Henry Northup: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Caroline E. Sanders: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the adverse report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Jane Heyl: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Hannah Branch, widow of Elijah Branch: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Hannegan had leave to withdraw the motion submitted by him the 10th instant, for the printing of additional copies of the message of the President of the United States of the 9th instant, and the accompanying correspondence.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 19, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with the request of the Senate, in their resolution of the 10th instant, asking for information relative to the Mexican indemnity, I communicate, herewith, a report from the Secretary of State, with the papers accompanying it.

JAMES K. POLK.

Washington, *February* 18, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a letter from the governor of the Territory of Wisconsin, communicating resolutions passed by the legislature of that Territory, in favor of an appropriation by Congress for the extinguishment of the Indian title to the lands lying north of the Fox river, and between the Wolf and Wisconsin rivers: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a letter from the governor of the Territory of Wisconsin, communicating a resolution passed by the legislature of that Territory, in favor of an appropriation for the erection of a

light-house on Grassy island, near the mouth of Fox river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sevier submitted documents relating to the claim of Solomon Drew to compensation for his services as provost marshal of the legionary court of the militia of the city of Washington: which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented the memorial of Edward Earle, praying the purchase by the government of his invention of a method for protecting canvass and cordage against mildew and rot: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of Isaac W. Taylor, for himself and the heirs of James Clamorgan, deceased, praying that the benefits of the act of June 17, 1844, providing for the adjustment of certain private land claims, may be extended to them: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of shipmasters and seamen engaged in navigation on the lakes, praying that the harbor of Cattaraugus, on lake Erie, may be completed and lighted: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of C. P. Van Ness, praying the reimbursement of money which he erroneously paid into the treasury of the United States, while collector of the customs for the district of Vermont.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Mangum presented the memorial of Cuyler W. Young, praying a grant of land in the Territory of Oregon, for the use of emigrants from the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit the petition and papers of Saltmarsh and Fuller to the Postmaster General, agreeably to his application for the same.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Pine Bluffs, Jefferson county, *via* Princeton and Dallasport, to Washington, Hempstead county, in the State of Arkansas; also, a post route from Batesville, up Poke bayou, *via* the residence of John Martin, to Salem, the county seat of Fulton county, in said State.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of David Little, submitted an adverse report: which was read.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 217) declaratory of the powers, and legalizing certain acts of the chief clerk of the Patent Office, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Chalmers,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of John A. Rogers, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a

resolution (S. R. 15) in relation to mineral lands: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Amos Kendall, reported a bill (S. 89) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 192) entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 80) to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of land lying within the limits of that district, which are not now attached to any district: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 192) this day reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 80) to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of land lying within the limits of that district, which are not now attached to any district, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill (H. R. 65) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847, and for other purposes, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 43) for the relief of Elijah White: and,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, February 23, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, information concerning the mineral regions of lake Superior, the defects of the present system in relation to the same, and the legislative provisions necessary for their future management or disposition: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a post route from Pine Bluff to Camden, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of A. Whitney, praying an appropriation of public land for the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and, with the accompanying map, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented the memorial of the heirs-at-law of Edward Armstrong, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed arrearages of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented a memorial of the mayor and common council of Rochester, New York, praying the erection of fortifications at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of shipmasters and seamen engaged in navigation on the lakes, praying the completion and lighting of the harbor of Cattaraugus, on lake Erie: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented four petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sevier submitted additional documents in relation to the memorial of Solomon Drew: which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Westcott presented three memorials of citizens of Florida, praying the erection of a sea-wall and battery at the port of St. Mark's, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the erection of a light-house at or near the extremity of South cape, near the mouth of the river Ocklockony, in the State of Florida; and into the expediency of providing by law for the placing one or more beacons or buoys on the shoals in the gulf of Mexico, off said cape.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to transmit to the Senate the papers in the case of John C. Whitsett, in which he claims two tracts of land under the Choctaw treaty of Dancing Rabbit creek.

Mr. Simmons submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to inquire into and ascertain the actual market value (at the principal ports) of the leading articles which are imported and sold in competition with similar products of our own agriculture, mines, manufactures, and mechanical trades, for the two years last past, and for the two years next preceding the passage of the existing tariff of duties on imports; also to ascertain the actual market value of American productions in the same markets and for the same periods; and further, to inquire and ascertain what has been the ordinary rate of wages for labor in the leading branches of industry for the two years last past, and the two years immediately preceding them.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to inform the Senate whether any contract or contracts have been made for the transportation of the United States mail between any of the ports of the United States and any port or ports of a foreign power, in pursuance of an act approved the 3d of March, 1845, entitled "An act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes;" and if any such contract has been made, to report the terms of the same, with a statement of the amount of postage received under the same, so far as the returns of the department will enable him to do.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 90) for the relief of Isaac Ilsley: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution, as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred a memorial of officers of the exploring expedition, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 91) for the relief of the forward officers of the exploring expedition.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 19) for the relief of Simonton Buffenberger, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of William Pearce, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Newman, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 92) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 52) to grant to the State of Illinois certain alternate sections of the public land, to aid in the construction of the Northern

Cross and Central railroad, in said State, reported it with amendments; and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel Grice, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of James L. Sawyer, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Von Schmidt, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 93) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Turney, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Armstrong and William Armstrong, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turney, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 16) for the relief of Joseph Kemball, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom certain resolutions of the General Assembly of Arkansas were referred, reported a bill (S. 94) to amend the act approved June 17, 1844, for the adjudication of private land claims before the courts, and for other purposes: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Edward S. Osgood, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Caleb Green, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 20th instant, a bill entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts for the District of Columbia."

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 41. An act for the relief of William McCauley.

H. R. 48. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

H. R. 42. An act for the relief of John Ficklin.

H. R. 248. An act to regulate the mileage of Senators.

The said bills were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bills numbered 41 and 42 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bill numbered 48 be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the bill numbered 248 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Daniel B. Baker: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported from the Committee on the Judiciary the 16th instant, on the petition of Nahum Ward: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs the 17th instant, in relation to the removal of the Miami nation of Indians: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Evans the 18th instant, in relation to a ship canal through the isthmus of Panama: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Ashley the 19th instant, relating to the establishment of certain mail routes in the State of Arkansas: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Commissioner of Patents, made agreeably to law: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Corwin presented the memorial of Samuel Lamme, executor of Nathan Lamme, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Bancroft Woodcock, praying an extension of his patent for an improvement in the construction of the plough: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a mail route from Eldorado, in that State, to Monroe, in Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying that the compensation allowed by law to the surveyors of public lands in the State of Arkansas may be augmented, in consideration of the character of the land remaining to be surveyed: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Onondaga county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of John Baldwin, praying payment of

the award made in his favor by the commissioners under the convention between the United States and Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the mayor and common council of the city of Rochester, representing the exposure of their harbor to a hostile incursion, and the necessity of fortifications and other military preparations for its protection: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Davis submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of examining into and testing the usefulness of a propeller invented by P. Lear.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law the transportation of all species of merchandise on the Grand river and Cowskin river, through the Indian country west of the State of Arkansas, provided the same can be done without interfering with existing prohibitions against the sale of spirituous liquors to the Indians residing in that country.

Mr. Simmons submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to report a bill for the employment of Hiram Powers, to execute an equestrian statue of Washington, in bronze; and that they include therein a clause appropriating for that purpose the necessary sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Francis Sommeraner, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 95) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Pennoyer, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of John England, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Simpson, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Francis Sumter.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Kidd and Benjamin Kidd, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 96) for their relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Niles the 24th instant, relating to the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the claim of Mary J. West: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the claim of David Robb: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the claim of David Robb ought not to be allowed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the memorial of Hector Perkins: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Elizabeth Sailor: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office on the petition of David Little: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the petitioner have permission to withdraw his documents.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Edward S. Osgood: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The joint resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 260) to repeal the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia hereafter to reside in Alexandria: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 26, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, relating to the expediency of providing by law that ships and vessels navigating the

river Delaware shall carry lights to avoid the danger of collision: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce, and printed.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of the county of Barnstable, Massachusetts, remonstrating against the repeal of the act allowing bounty to vessels engaged in the cod fisheries.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of the county of Barnstable, Massachusetts, praying an increase of the duties on foreign salt.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of the county of Barnstable, Massachusetts, praying an increase of the duty on imported Epsom salts.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Josiah Dutton, praying the payment of a continental due bill issued to his father for services in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of the heirs of Samuel Beach, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of J. K. Parish, administrator of Benjamin Durkee, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of the legal representative of Christopher Delezenne, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Catharine Van Valkenburg, executrix of Bartholomew Van Valkenburg, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Theophilus Tatum, executor of Henry Tatum, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to communicate to the Senate such information as his office may afford, with respect to the fortification proposed to be contructed at Proctor's landing, on lake Borgne, Louisiana.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of supplying the members of the Senate, for current distribution among their constituents, with a certain number to each member of the debates of the two houses of Congress: Provided, The said debates can be furnished promptly as they proceed in each house, and in a correct and revised form, free from other matter, and in sheets proper for distribution.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the memorial of the West Feliciana Railroad Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of Calvin Emmons, reported a bill (S. 97) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the annual report of the Commissioner of Patents, submitted a motion "that sixty thousand copies of the report and the accompanying documents, with the exception of the list of patents, be printed for the use of the Senate:" and,

On motion by Mr. Simmons,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill (S. 98) for the relief of James H. Causten, assignee of Colonel John B. Hogan: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Simon Summers, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of William Shippen, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of William Starke Jett, administrator of Thomas Jett, deceased, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of John England: and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Simmons, the 25th instant, in relation to an equestrian statue of General Washington; and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Sevier, it was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of employing Hiram Powers to execute an equestrian statue of Washington, in bronze, and of appropriating for that purpose the necessary sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The bill (H. R. 260) to repeal the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia hereafter to reside in Alexandria, was read, and passed to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 5th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Breese,

That the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Colquitt, Crittenden, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Jarnagin, Lewis, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Pennybacker, Phelps, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Yulee.

So the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, March 2, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating information respecting fortifications proposed to be constructed at Proctor's landing, on lake Borgne, Louisiana: which was read.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, papers relating to certain land claims of John C. Whitsett: which was read.

Mr. Fairfield presented a petition of citizens of Maine, praying the establishment of a marine hospital within the limits of that State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fairfield presented a petition of citizens of the State of Maine, praying an amendment of the pre-emption laws in favor of actual settlers on the public lands: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Niagara county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of shipmasters and seamen engaged in navigation on the lakes, praying the completion and lighting of Cattaraugus harbor, on lake Erie: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dickinson presented a memorial of the mayor and common council of Rochester, New York, accompanied by a memorial of citizens of that place, praying the erection of fortifications for the defence of their harbor: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Mangum presented the petition of James P. Espy in relation to a proper ventilation of the Senate chamber: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of citizens of New York engaged in scientific pursuits, praying that scientific books imported by individuals for their own use may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of importers and dealers in steel in New York, praying that foreign steel may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented three petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Corwin presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying that the pension allowed to Samuel Hall, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, may be increased: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Pennybacker presented a memorial of the licensed pilots of Virginia, praying the repeal of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Jarnagin presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Tennessee, praying that Knoxville and Chattanooga may be made ports of entry; and that an appropriation may be made for improving the navigation of the Tennessee river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin presented a preamble and resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, approving the action of Congress in relation to the establishment of a naval depot at Memphis, in that State, and urging the vigorous prosecution of the work: which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Semple presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to vote for the passage of a resolution to give notice to Great Britain of the intention of the United States to abrogate the convention of the 6th of August, 1827, concerning the Oregon Territory: which were read, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That David Little have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be prepared a collection of the instructions which have been issued since the 17th August, 1838, either by the Secretary of the Treasury or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, together with the official opinions of the Attorney General and the Solicitor of the General Land Office on questions arising under the land laws since the above period; and also

nto the expediency of directing the Secretary of the Senate to cause the eneral public acts of Congress passed since the second session of the wenty-fifth Congress, respecting the sale and disposition of the public nds, together with the opinions and instructions above mentioned, to be rinted for the use of the Senate, like the former work on the same subject; nd to cause fifteen hundred extra copies to be printed and furnished for he use of the Senate.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, y unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire nto the expediency of forming an additional judicial district in the State f Illinois, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following resolution; which was considered, y unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of making provision for a suitable building for holding the federal ourts at the newly established seat of government in Alabama.

Mr. Dayton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate whether, n his judgment, any circumstances connected with, or growing out of, the oreign relations of this country, require, at this time, an increase of our aval or military force; and that, in the event of such increase being ecessary, in his judgment, he further inform the Senate (if in his opinion ot incompatible with the public interest) what those circumstances are.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was eferred the memorial of William H. Thomas, submitted an adverse eport: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was eferred a memorial of William H. Thomas, praying payment for supplies rnished certain Cherokee Indians, submitted an adverse report: which as ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on the Militia, reported a bill (S. 99) o organize and arm the militia of Oregon: which was read, and passed to he second reading.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, ubmitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 100) for the relief of Thomas Rhodes.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred he petition of Mary Williams, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 101) for her relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of James Erwin, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 102) for the relief of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report, together with the petition and the accompanying documents, be printed.

Mr. Semple, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, who were instructed, by a resolution of the Senate of the 27th December,

resolution (S. R. 15) in relation to mineral lands: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Amos Kendall, reported a bill (S. 89) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 192) entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 80) to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of land lying within the limits of that district, which are not now attached to any district: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 192) this day reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 80) to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of land lying within the limits of that district, which are not now attached to any district, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill (H. R. 65) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847, and for other purposes, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 43) for the relief of Elijah White: and,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, February 23, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, information concerning the mineral regions of lake Superior, the defects of the present system in relation to the same, and the legislative provisions necessary for their future management or disposition: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a post route from Pine Bluff to Camden, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of A. Whitney, praying an appropriation of public land for the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and, with the accompanying map, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented the memorial of the heirs-at-law of Edward Armstrong, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed arrearages of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented a memorial of the mayor and common council of Rochester, New York, praying the erection of fortifications at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of shipmasters and seamen engaged in navigation on the lakes, praying the completion and lighting of the harbor of Cattaraugus, on lake Erie: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented four petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sevier submitted additional documents in relation to the memorial of Solomon Drew: which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Westcott presented three memorials of citizens of Florida, praying the erection of a sea-wall and battery at the port of St. Mark's, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the erection of a light-house at or near the extremity of South cape, near the mouth of the river Ocklockony, in the State of Florida; and into the expediency of providing by law for the placing one or more beacons or buoys on the shoals in the gulf of Mexico, off said cape.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to transmit to the Senate the papers in the case of John C. Whitsett, in which he claims two tracts of land under the Choctaw treaty of Dancing Rabbit creek.

Mr. Simmons submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to inquire into and ascertain the actual market value (at the principal ports) of the leading articles which are imported and sold in competition with similar products of our own agriculture, mines, manufactures, and mechanical trades, for the two years last past, and for the two years next preceding the passage of the existing tariff of duties on imports; also to ascertain the actual market value of American productions in the same markets and for the same periods; and further, to inquire and ascertain what has been the ordinary rate of wages for labor in the leading branches of industry for the two years last past, and the two years immediately preceding them.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to inform the Senate whether any contract or contracts have been made for the transportation of the United States mail between any of the ports of the United States and any port or ports of a foreign power, in pursuance of an act approved the 3d of March, 1845, entitled "An act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes;" and if any such contract has been made, to report the terms of the same, with a statement of the amount of postage received under the same, so far as the returns of the department will enable him to do.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 90) for the relief of Isaac Ilsley: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution, as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred a memorial of officers of the exploring expedition, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 91) for the relief of the forward officers of the exploring expedition.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 19) for the relief of Simonton Buffenberger, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of William Pearce, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Newman, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 92) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 52) to grant to the State of Illinois certain alternate sections of the public land, to aid in the construction of the Northern

quate to the completion of said road to the Mississippi river; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the report of the Secretary of War, of the 27th ultimo, with the accompanying document, containing the information called for with respect to the works proposed to be erected at Proctor's landing, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; and that the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the construction of a fortification at Proctor's landing, on lake Borgne, Louisiana.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate copies of any correspondence that may have taken place between the authorities of the United States and those of Great Britain, since the last documents transmitted to Congress, in relation to the subject of the Oregon Territory, or of so much thereof as may be communicated without detriment to the public interest.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of the personal representative of William A. Slacum, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 104) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas F. Gordon, submitted a report, accompanied by a joint resolution (S. R. 16) for subscription for Gordon's Indices.

The resolution was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Gorman, submitted a report, accompanied by a joint resolution (S. R. 17) for his relief.

The resolution was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the memorial of Bancroft Woodcock, reported a bill (S. 105) to extend a patent heretofore granted to Bancroft Woodcock: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel H. Thompson, reported:

"That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bagby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 106) for the relief of John C. Whitsett: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands, together with the report of the Secretary of War on the subject.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Caleb Green: and,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revo-

lutionary Claims on the memorial of William S. Jett, administrator of Thomas Jett: and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of William Pennoyer: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Samuel Simpson: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of William Shippen: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

That three thousand additional copies of the report and document accompanying bill S. 103 be printed:

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The bill (S. 58) in relation to seamen's wages, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, on the means of naval defences on the lakes, with a plan for the "general defence" in that quarter: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hannegan presented a memorial of citizens of Indiana, praying a grant of public land to aid in the construction of the Buffalo and Mississippi railroad: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hannegan presented a memorial of citizens of Indiana, praying an

extension of the laws of the United States over the Oregon Territory, and the establishment of a national road from some point on the Mississippi river to the mouth of the Columbia river, in said Territory: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of the heirs of Gustavus B. Horner, deceased, a surgeon's mate in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed bounty land and commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Thomas P. Shepard, praying that the apparatus employed in the manufacture of oil of vitriol may be admitted into the ports of the United States free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Ashley presented the petition of Thomas and Elizabeth Armstrong, legal representatives of Josiah Fletcher, deceased, praying indemnity for depredations committed on the property of the deceased, by hostile Creek Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented a memorial of T. L. Wendell and others, praying the payment of their claims, as provided for by the fifth article of the treaty of January, 1837, between the United States and the Saganaw tribe of Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented the memorial of Jacob G. Dyckman, praying the adoption of his system of military instruction for the use of the militia of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, praying permission to purchase, at the minimum price, the public land through which it is proposed to construct their road: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Breese presented a memorial of the corporate authorities of Chicago, Illinois, praying a grant of the town lots belonging to the United States, in that city, to defray the expense of arresting the injury caused by the public works in their harbor: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of William Bell and Margaret B. Cameron, heirs of James Bell, deceased, praying the payment of a balance due for advances made by their ancestor during the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Semple,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs-at-law of Erastus Brown, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That Oliver Cromwell have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the State of Illinois a portion of the public lands in that State, to aid in the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal; and that they report by bill.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the far-

ther consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Sevier, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Harriet Ward, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 82) authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama, for the use of the United States, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 30. An act for the relief of James Davidson, of the county of Fentress, in the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 41. An act for the relief of William McCauley;

H. R. 42. An act for the relief of John Ficklin;

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of Arthur R. Frogge, of Fentress county, Tennessee;

H. R. 45. An act for the relief of Joseph M. Rhea, of the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee;

reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the representatives of John Fulford, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the representative of John Brooks, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the executor of Henry Tatum, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Sally Bass, daughter of Charles Pasteur, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of John Campbell, deceased, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the resolutions of the State of Florida, in relation to a boundary line of that State, reported a bill (S. 107) respecting the settlement of the boundary line between the State of Florida and the State of Georgia.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased, reported a bill (S. 108) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Hugh W. Dobbin, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 109) to allow arrearages of pension to Hugh W. Dobbin, an officer in the late war.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the resolution (S. R. 15) in relation to mineral lands, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 110) supplementary to an act entitled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the limits of the State of Missouri and Territory of Arkansas to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims, approved the 26th of May, 1824:" which was read, passed to the second reading, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred, the 3d instant, the motion by Mr. Niles, to print three thousand additional copies of the report and document accompanying bill S. 103, reported thereon: and

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion for printing sixty thousand copies of the report of the Commissioner of Patents, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion, with the reported amendment; and a further amendment being proposed by Mr. Niles:

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliot, junior, of Fulton county, State of Illinois.

The bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Chalmers,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 5, 1845.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the enrolled resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him.

Mr. Semple presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail route from Mount Sterling to Springfield, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial and proceedings adopted at a meeting of citizens of Philadelphia, in favor of the construction of a dry dock at the navy yard in that city, and the erection of fortifications on the Delaware river: which, with the memorials and petitions on the files of the Senate relating to the subject, were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Semple presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an additional grant of land to aid in the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Semple presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the completion of the Cumberland road in the State of Illinois: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of members of the bar of Philadelphia, praying that the unexpended appropriation for the salary of the associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States for the eastern and western districts of Pennsylvania, and the district of New Jersey, may be divided among the several district judges of those districts: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of Isabella Stout, heir-at-law of James Samson, deceased, praying the confirmation of her title to a tract of land held by virtue of a Spanish grant: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Ashley presented the petition of Henry and G. K. Cheatham, praying compensation for removing the raft of the Red river: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Calhoun presented the memorial of Frances Moore, heir and legal representative of John Moore, deceased, praying the repayment of advances made by her ancestor during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, together with the documents on file relating to the subject.

Mr. Allen presented a memorial of the chiefs and delegation of the Wyandot nation of Indians, praying compensation for the lands ceded by them to the United States by the treaty of 17th March, 1842.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of George W. Billings, praying that the Secretary of the Navy may be authorized to contract with him for the supply of water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the causes of the frequent failures of the mail to and from New Orleans, and into the expediency of providing against the recurrence of such failures.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the transportation of the United States mail across the isthmus of Panama, in the republic of New Grenada, in South America, in pursuance of the provisions of the postal convention, signed at Bogota on the 6th day of March, 1844; and that the same committee be further instructed to inquire as to the propriety, in connexion with the aforesaid mail service, of causing the United States mail to be carried by sea from New Orleans to the isthmus of Panama; and thence through the Pacific ocean along the northwest coast to

Oregon and the Sandwich islands; and south along the coast of South America as far as Callao, in Peru.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate be instructed to inquire into the expediency, practicability, and probable expense of augmenting the accommodation of the public in the chamber of the Senate, by erecting an additional gallery, changing the arrangement respecting the reporters, or otherwise; and that they make report thereon.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having a map of the route to Oregon struck from the notes and description and topographical sketches of Captain Frémont.

Mr. Bagby, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 18) for the relief of Mary Ann Linton: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Semple, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 111) to establish an armory at Massac, on the Ohio river, in the State of Illinois: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (S. 8,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 4th instant, a resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 8) reported to have been examined the 4th instant; and it was delivered to the committee, to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the

United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, Anno Domini 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, March 9, 1846.

Mr. Speight presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying a grant of certain inundated public lands in that State to the counties in which they lie, to defray the expense of reclaiming them; and that the board of police of Adams county, in said State, may be authorized to make such disposition of the sixteenth section, or school lands of that county, as will best promote the object for which they were appropriated.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

Mr. Speight presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Mississippi, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to endeavor to procure a grant of land for improving the navigation of Pearl river.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

Mr. Breese presented a memorial of a convention of delegates from the northern counties of Illinois, praying that the right of way over the public lands may be granted to the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, for the construction of a railroad: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Samuel R. Read, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Chalmers presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying the removal of obstructions in the communication between the Mississippi river and the gulf of Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chalmers presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying a reduction of the price of the public lands in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chalmers presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying a grant of public land for improving the navigation of the Homochitto river, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of Menemon Sanford, praying compensation for services in carrying the United States mail: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Archer presented three memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, praying such an amendment of the naturalization laws of the United States as will require a residence of twenty-one years previous to obtaining the right of citizenship: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Archer presented a memorial of the Native American State Convention, assembled at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, praying that the naturaliza-

tion laws of the United States may be so amended as to require a residence of twenty-one years previous to acquiring the right of citizenship: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix presented four petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a petition of mechanics and laborers in the navy yard at Washington, praying remuneration for losses sustained by them in consequence of being thrown out of employment by the sudden suspension of the works at that yard in the year 1843: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of the corporate authorities and citizens of Rochester, New York, praying the erection of fortifications for the defence of that city: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Oswego, New York, praying the improvement of the Sheboygan river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of John T. Adams, assignee of Taylor, Little, and Company, of New York, praying the payment of interest on an amount of duties illegally exacted of them by the collector of that port: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of S. D. Dakin and others, praying that the Secretary of the Navy may be directed by law to contract with them for the construction of sectional floating dry-docks: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of George G. Glazier and others, praying a reorganization of the navy: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Niles presented a petition of importers and dealers in steel, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, praying that steel may be admitted into the ports of the United States free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ashley presented the memorial of Margaret C. Brown, widow of Thomas Murray, junior, deceased, praying compensation for the services of her late husband as clerk to a delegation of Cherokee Indians while negotiating a treaty with the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of the legal representatives of John Anderson, deceased, praying compensation for the destruction of his property by the enemy in the year 1812: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Corwin presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Ohio, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure an appropriation for the construction of a canal around the falls of the Ohio river.

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Corwin presented the memorial of Nathaniel Wright, praying the payment of a treasury note, purchased by him without knowledge of its having been fraudulently obtained after being cancelled: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Barrow presented the petition of Alexander D. Peck, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land in Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

to inquire into the expediency of a mail route from Missouri to the city of Oregon, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 103) to establish a post road from Independence to the Pacific ocean.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report, with the accompanying document, be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliott, jr., of Fulton county, State of Illinois.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 17. An act for the relief of Charles Benns.

H. R. 39. An act for the relief of James Mains.

H. R. 40. An act for the relief of James Wyman.

H. R. 43. An act for the relief of Joseph Watson.

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of Arthur R. Frogge, of Fentress county, Tennessee.

H. R. 45. An act for the relief of Joseph M. Rhea, of the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 52. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Walker, of Baltimore.

H. R. 54. An act for the relief of Smith, Thurgar, and Company.

H. R. 56. An act for the relief of John G. Pierie.

H. R. 63. An act for the relief of John E. Holland.

H. R. 95. An act for the relief of Daniel Ingalls.

H. R. 129. An act authorizing the payment of certain claims of the State of Alabama.

H. R. 131. An act for the relief of Adam McCulloch.

H. R. 272. An act to change the time of holding the federal court in North Carolina.

The said bills from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 52 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bill numbered 272 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill numbered 63 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the bills numbered 17, 54, 56, 129, 131, be referred to the Committee of Claims; and that the bills numbered 39, 40, 43, 44, 45, 95, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 16th of February, to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the further consideration of the petition of Asa Andrews: and the motion having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the adverse resolution reported by the committee on the petition of Caleb Green: and,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Samuel Grice: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialist ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of James L. Sawyer: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That James L. Sawyer is not entitled to relief.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Robert and William Armstrong: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the petitioners are not entitled to relief.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That Mr. Turney be excused from serving on the Committee of Claims, and that the vacancy be filled by the Vice President: and

Mr. Morehead was accordingly appointed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That David McCaleb and the heirs of Carlos De Villemont have leave to withdraw their petitions and papers.

The Vice President signed the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, (S. R. 12,) and it was delivered to the committee, to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 3, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, information in regard to the extent of the naval power of each of the maritime nations of the world, with the tonnage, number of merchant ships and vessels, and the aggregate amount of the commerce of each: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed, and that five thousand copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of Nahum Haskell, praying the reimbursement of a sum paid on a forfeited recognizance on account of an absconding criminal, who was afterwards taken and tried for the offence: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of William B. Foster, late a deputy commissary of purchases in the army of the United States, praying compensation for his services, and remuneration for his losses in nego-

tiating a loan to enable him to purchase supplies for United States troops: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sevier presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying that the compensation allowed by law to surveyors of the public land in the State of Arkansas may be increased on account of the character of the land yet to be surveyed in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of citizens of Carroll county, Illinois, praying the removal of obstructions in the Des Moines and Rock River rapids, in the Mississippi river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bright presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure a grant of unappropriated public land to the State of Indiana for the use of common schools: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure a reduction of the price of the public lands according to the time they have been in market: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives to use their exertions to procure an alteration of the pre-emption laws in favor of actual settlers on the public lands: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State to use their exertions to procure a grant of public land to aid in the construction of the Buffalo and Mississippi railroad: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Thomas Brownell, an officer in the navy, praying the renewal of his pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Ray Tompkins, in behalf of himself and the other heirs of Daniel D. Tompkins, deceased, praying the payment of interest on the sum due for his services in the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That Simeon Buckner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the petition of John Russell, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the propriety of relinquishing to the States of Indiana and Illinois all that part of the national road within their limits; and of granting to said States a quantity of the public lands, which may be ade-

quate to the completion of said road to the Mississippi river; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the report of the Secretary of War, of the 27th ultimo, with the accompanying document, containing the information called for with respect to the works proposed to be erected at Proctor's landing, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; and that the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the construction of a fortification at Proctor's landing, on lake Borgne, Louisiana.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate copies of any correspondence that may have taken place between the authorities of the United States and those of Great Britain, since the last documents transmitted to Congress, in relation to the subject of the Oregon Territory, or of so much thereof as may be communicated without detriment to the public interest.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of the personal representative of William A. Slacum, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 104) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas F. Gordon, submitted a report, accompanied by a joint resolution (S. R. 16) for subscription for Gordon's Indices.

The resolution was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Gorman, submitted a report, accompanied by a joint resolution (S. R. 17) for his relief.

The resolution was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the memorial of Bancroft Woodcock, reported a bill (S. 105) to extend a patent heretofore granted to Bancroft Woodcock: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel H. Thompson, reported:

"That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bagby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 106) for the relief of John C. Whitsett: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands, together with the report of the Secretary of War on the subject.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Caleb Green: and,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revo-

lutionary Claims on the memorial of William S. Jett, administrator of Thomas Jett: and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of William Pennoyer: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Samuel Simpson: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of William Shippen: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

That three thousand additional copies of the report and document accompanying bill S. 103 be printed:

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The bill (S. 58) in relation to seamen's wages, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, on the means of naval defences on the lakes, with a plan for the "general defence" in that quarter: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hannegan presented a memorial of citizens of Indiana, praying a grant of public land to aid in the construction of the Buffalo and Mississippi railroad: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hannegan presented a memorial of citizens of Indiana, praying an

extension of the laws of the United States over the Oregon Territory, and the establishment of a national road from some point on the Mississippi river to the mouth of the Columbia river, in said Territory: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of the heirs of Gustavus B. Horner, deceased, a surgeon's mate in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed bounty land and commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Thomas P. Shepard, praying that the apparatus employed in the manufacture of oil of vitriol may be admitted into the ports of the United States free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Ashley presented the petition of Thomas and Elizabeth Armstrong, legal representatives of Josiah Fletcher, deceased, praying indemnity for depredations committed on the property of the deceased, by hostile Creek Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented a memorial of T. L. Wendell and others, praying the payment of their claims, as provided for by the fifth article of the treaty of January, 1837, between the United States and the Saganaw tribe of Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented the memorial of Jacob G. Dyckman, praying the adoption of his system of military instruction for the use of the militia of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, praying permission to purchase, at the minimum price, the public land through which it is proposed to construct their road: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Breese presented a memorial of the corporate authorities of Chicago, Illinois, praying a grant of the town lots belonging to the United States, in that city, to defray the expense of arresting the injury caused by the public works in their harbor: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of William Bell and Margaret B. Cameron, heirs of James Bell, deceased, praying the payment of a balance due for advances made by their ancestor during the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Semple,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs-at-law of Erastus Brown, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That Oliver Cromwell have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the State of Illinois a portion of the public lands in that State, to aid in the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal; and that they report by bill.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the fur-

ther consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Sevier, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Harriet Ward, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 82) authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama, for the use of the United States, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 30. An act for the relief of James Davidson, of the county of Fentress, in the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 41. An act for the relief of William McCauley;

H. R. 42. An act for the relief of John Ficklin;

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of Arthur R. Frogge, of Fentress county, Tennessee;

H. R. 45. An act for the relief of Joseph M. Rhea, of the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee;

reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the representatives of John Fulford, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the representative of John Brooks, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the executor of Henry Tatum, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Sally Bass, daughter of Charles Pasteur, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of John Campbell, deceased, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the resolutions of the State of Florida, in relation to a boundary line of that State, reported a bill (S. 107) respecting the settlement of the boundary line between the State of Florida and the State of Georgia.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased, reported a bill (S. 108) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Hugh W. Dobbin, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 109) to allow arrearages of pension to Hugh W. Dobbin, an officer in the late war.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the resolution (S. R. 15) in relation to mineral lands, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 110) supplementary to an act entitled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the limits of the State of Missouri and Territory of Arkansas to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims, approved the 26th of May, 1824:" which was read, passed to the second reading, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred, the 3d instant, the motion by Mr. Niles, to print three thousand additional copies of the report and document accompanying bill S. 103, reported thereon: and

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion for printing sixty thousand copies of the report of the Commissioner of Patents, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion, with the reported amendment; and a further amendment being proposed by Mr. Niles:

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliot, junior, of Fulton county, State of Illinois.

The bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Chalmers,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 5, 1845.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the enrolled resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him.

Mr. Semple presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail route from Mount Sterling to Springfield, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial and proceedings adopted at a meeting of citizens of Philadelphia, in favor of the construction of a dry dock at the navy yard in that city, and the erection of fortifications on the Delaware river: which, with the memorials and petitions on the files of the Senate relating to the subject, were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Semple presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an additional grant of land to aid in the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Semple presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the completion of the Cumberland road in the State of Illinois: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of members of the bar of Philadelphia, praying that the unexpended appropriation for the salary of the associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States for the eastern and western districts of Pennsylvania, and the district of New Jersey, may be divided among the several district judges of those districts: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of Isabella Stout, heir-at-law of James Samson, deceased, praying the confirmation of her title to a tract of land held by virtue of a Spanish grant: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Ashley presented the petition of Henry and G. K. Cheatham, praying compensation for removing the raft of the Red river: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Calhoun presented the memorial of Frances Moore, heir and legal representative of John Moore, deceased, praying the repayment of advances made by her ancestor during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, together with the documents on file relating to the subject.

Mr. Allen presented a memorial of the chiefs and delegation of the Wyandot nation of Indians, praying compensation for the lands ceded by them to the United States by the treaty of 17th March, 1842.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of George W. Billings, praying that the Secretary of the Navy may be authorized to contract with him for the supply of water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the causes of the frequent failures of the mail to and from New Orleans, and into the expediency of providing against the recurrence of such failures.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the transportation of the United States mail across the isthmus of Panama, in the republic of New Grenada, in South America, in pursuance of the provisions of the postal convention, signed at Bogota on the 6th day of March, 1844; and that the same committee be further instructed to inquire as to the propriety, in connexion with the aforesaid mail service, of causing the United States mail to be carried by sea from New Orleans to the isthmus of Panama; and thence through the Pacific ocean along the northwest coast to

Oregon and the Sandwich islands; and south along the coast of South America as far as Callao, in Peru.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate be instructed to inquire into the expediency, practicability, and probable expense of augmenting the accommodation of the public in the chamber of the Senate, by erecting an additional gallery, changing the arrangement respecting the reporters, or otherwise; and that they make report thereon.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having a map of the route to Oregon struck from the notes and description and topographical sketches of Captain Frémont.

Mr. Bagby, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 18) for the relief of Mary Ann Linton: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Semple, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 111) to establish an armory at Massac, on the Ohio river, in the State of Illinois: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (S. 8,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 4th instant, a resolution (S. R. 12) to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 8) reported to have been examined the 4th instant; and it was delivered to the committee, to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the

United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, Anno Domini 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, March 9, 1846.

Mr. Speight presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying a grant of certain inundated public lands in that State to the counties in which they lie, to defray the expense of reclaiming them; and that the board of police of Adams county, in said State, may be authorized to make such disposition of the sixteenth section, or school lands of that county, as will best promote the object for which they were appropriated.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

Mr. Speight presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Mississippi, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to endeavor to procure a grant of land for improving the navigation of Pearl river.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

Mr. Breese presented a memorial of a convention of delegates from the northern counties of Illinois, praying that the right of way over the public lands may be granted to the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, for the construction of a railroad: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Samuel R. Read, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Chalmers presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying the removal of obstructions in the communication between the Mississippi river and the gulf of Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chalmers presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying a reduction of the price of the public lands in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chalmers presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying a grant of public land for improving the navigation of the Homochitto river, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of Menemon Sanford, praying compensation for services in carrying the United States mail: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Archer presented three memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, praying such an amendment of the naturalization laws of the United States as will require a residence of twenty-one years previous to obtaining the right of citizenship: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Archer presented a memorial of the Native American State Convention, assembled at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, praying that the naturaliza-

tion laws of the United States may be so amended as to require a residence of twenty-one years previous to acquiring the right of citizenship: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix presented four petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a petition of mechanics and laborers in the navy yard at Washington, praying remuneration for losses sustained by them in consequence of being thrown out of employment by the sudden suspension of the works at that yard in the year 1843: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of the corporate authorities and citizens of Rochester, New York, praying the erection of fortifications for the defence of that city: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Oswego, New York, praying the improvement of the Sheboygan river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of John T. Adams, assignee of Taylor, Little, and Company, of New York, praying the payment of interest on an amount of duties illegally exacted of them by the collector of that port: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of S. D. Dakin and others, praying that the Secretary of the Navy may be directed by law to contract with them for the construction of sectional floating dry-docks: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of George G. Glazier and others, praying a reorganization of the navy: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Niles presented a petition of importers and dealers in steel, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, praying that steel may be admitted into the ports of the United States free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ashley presented the memorial of Margaret C. Brown, widow of Thomas Murray, junior, deceased, praying compensation for the services of her late husband as clerk to a delegation of Cherokee Indians while negotiating a treaty with the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of the legal representatives of John Anderson, deceased, praying compensation for the destruction of his property by the enemy in the year 1812: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Corwin presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Ohio, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure an appropriation for the construction of a canal around the falls of the Ohio river.

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Corwin presented the memorial of Nathaniel Wright, praying the payment of a treasury note, purchased by him without knowledge of its having been fraudulently obtained after being cancelled: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Barrow presented the petition of Alexander D. Peck, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land in Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Bagby presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Alabama, praying the establishment of a mail route from the State line post office to Elyton, and a mail route from Jacksonville to Ashville, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bagby presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Alabama, praying a reduction of the price of the unsold public lands in the State of Alabama: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewis presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Alabama, praying that the reserved lands in the St. Stephen's land district, in that State, may be offered for sale: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewis presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Alabama, praying an extension of the right of pre-emption to certain settlers on the public lands in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewis presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Alabama, praying the establishment of a national armory at Tuscaloosa, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Westcott presented a memorial of citizens of Tallahassee, Florida, praying the encouragement of the general government in the cultivation of tropical plants and fruits: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of directing by law the survey, and offer for sale, as soon as practicable, of the public lands on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the peninsula of Florida, and the islands and keys of said State below twenty-six and a half degrees of north latitude, and of making a special appropriation for said surveys.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the commissioners appointed by virtue of the act entitled "An act for the more convenient taking of testimony and bail in civil cases depending in the courts of the United States," approved twentieth February, eighteen hundred and twelve, to inquire into all offences against the United States, committed in dockyards, arsenals, and other places under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, and to exercise in relation thereto all the powers in committing or binding over an offender that a judge of any court of the United States or justice of the peace may by law exercise in relation to such offences.

Mr. Archer submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary in the law regulating the compensation of the clerks of the district and circuit courts of the United States, and limiting the amount of the same; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the sergeant-at-arms be authorized to employ an additional laborer for the remainder of this session, if, in the opinion of the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate, it shall be found necessary; and that he be paid the usual allowance for similar services.

The resolution was read.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the memorial of the chiefs of the Wyandot Indians, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, exhibiting the quantity of vacant public land on each side of Pearl river, within five miles of the same: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed without the accompanying map, together with the memorial and resolutions, on the file of the Senate, relating to the subject.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 8) last reported to have been examined; and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. J. M. Clayton, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Jones, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 112) for the relief of John Jones, surviving partner of John Jones and Charles Souder.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ray Tompkins, in behalf of himself and other heirs of Daniel D. Tompkins, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Franklin Whitney, and that it be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Richard S. Coxe, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 113) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 68) to regulate writs of error and appeals from the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Charles F. Sibbald, submitted a report, accompanied by a resolution (S. R. 19) declaratory of the act passed 23d August, 1842, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles F. Sibbald."

The resolution was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 272) to change the time of holding the federal court in North Carolina, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Harriet L. Catching, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 114) for her relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Asa Andrews, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 115) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill (S. 116) to authorize the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise through the Indian territories: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of George Wentling, reported a bill (S. 117) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the accompanying report be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Carey H. Seeley, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Mary D. Wade, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred a memorial of Thomas Brownell, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 118) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. R. 9) to provide for the preservation of petitions and other papers presented to Congress, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 79) to provide for the confirmation of certain settlement claims in the St. Helena land district, Louisiana, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That the documents accompanying the bill be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 88) to amend the act approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Mississippi and Alabama, south of the 31st degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers," reported it with an amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the

6th of August, Anno Domini 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 10, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanied by statements of his accounts for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1845: which was read.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Postmaster General, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to any contract or contracts for the transportation of the United States mail between any of the ports of the United States and any port or ports of a foreign power: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Pearce presented a memorial adopted at a meeting of citizens of Queen Anne county, Maryland, praying the adoption of moderate and pacific measures in the settlement of the controversy between the United States and Great Britain respecting the Oregon Territory.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of Benjamin Crawford, praying compensation for injuries sustained in his person and property, while trading with the Creek Indians, by the illegal act of an officer of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Jones, Boker, and others, praying indemnity for the loss of certain treasury notes stolen from the post office at Van Buren, Arkansas: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cass presented the memorial of John Hurlbert, sub-Indian agent for the Saganaw Indians, praying compensation for services performed by the direction of the superintendent: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cass presented a memorial of citizens of Milwaukie, Wisconsin Territory, praying the establishment of a daily mail on the route between Detroit and Milwaukie: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial of members of the bar of the State of New Jersey, praying that the unexpended appropriation for the salary of the associate justice of the Supreme Court for the third judicial circuit may be distributed among the district judges within that circuit: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix presented three petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Bagby presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Alabama, praying an appropriation for deepening the channel of Mobile bay, and removing the obstructions in the Iberville river.

Ordered, That the memorial be printed, and that so much thereof as relates to the deepening of the channel of Mobile bay be referred to the

Committee on Commerce; and so much as relates to the removal of obstructions in the river Iberville be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of Hannah Petty, heir of John Beardon, deceased, praying compensation for property destroyed by the United States troops during the invasion of Florida in 1812 and 1813: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That Philip and Eliphalet Greely, and N. and L. Dana and Company, severally, have leave to withdraw their petitions and papers.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Semple asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 119) to remodel the consular establishment of the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 13) appropriating alternate sections of the public lands for the improvement of Pearl river, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 215) to amend the act approved 2d April, 1844, entitled "An act directing the disposition of certain goods, wares, or merchandise, seized for being illegally imported into the United States," reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Pearson Cogswell, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Wilson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 121) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 1846.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a memorial of citizens of Milwaukie, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying the establishment of a daily mail on the route between Detroit and Milwaukie: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States:

S. 8. An act for the relief of William Elliot, junior, of Fulton county, *State of* Illinois.

Mr. Bagby presented the petition of Wilson and Hallett, merchants in Mobile, Alabama, praying the reimbursement of the duties paid by them on a quantity of salt which was destroyed by fire in October, 1827: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Chalmers presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, in favor of substituting other lands, for the use of schools in that State, for the 16th sections, where the same are covered by Indian reservations: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of lieutenants in the army of the United States, holding the appointment of adjutants of regiments, praying to be allowed the additional ration provided for by the act of March 2, 1827: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the memorial of Thomas Allen, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Webster presented three petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, praying that steel may be admitted into the ports of the United States free of duty: which were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Webster presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Simmons submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail route from the city of Providence, Rhode Island, to Framingham depot, on the Boston and Worcester railroad, through Pawtucket village, in North Providence, the easterly part of Cumberland, West Wrentham, Franklin, Medway, and Holliston.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 6th of February, to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the further consideration of the petition of L. E. L. A. Ripley: and having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 63) for the relief of John E. Holland, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 20) to provide for a survey of the mouth of Red river, in the State of Louisiana, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 39. An act for the relief of James Mains;

H. R. 40. An act for the relief of James Wyman;

H. R. 43. An act for the relief of Joseph Watson;

H. R. 95. An act for the relief of Daniel Ingalls;

reported them severally, without amendment.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6) to establish the collection district of Chicago, reported it with an amendment: which was ordered to be printed.

The joint resolution (S. R. 17) for the relief of Peter Gorman, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes: and

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Yulee:

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and that the proposed amendment be printed.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed this day, the bill (S. 8) for the relief of William Elliot, junior, of Fulton county, State of Illinois.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 12, 1846.

Mr. Bright presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania and Delaware, praying that steel may be admitted into the ports of the United States free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bright presented a petition of citizens of Indiana, praying the adoption of measures for the amicable settlement of all international difficulties.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of George Guier, guardian of the orphan children of John S. Ardis, deceased, late a carpenter's mate in the naval service, praying that they may be restored to the pension roll: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Atherton presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of New Hampshire, in favor of reducing the tariff to a revenue standard, and of establishing an independent treasury: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cass presented two petitions of citizens of Michigan, praying that a

nnel of communication may be opened between lake Erie and the De- river: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of James Bell and Allen G. Johnson, ing permission to enter certain lands on condition that they drain the ndated lands adjacent thereto: which was referred to the Committee Public Lands.

r. Cameron presented a petition of the Female Anti-Slavery Society of nsylvania, praying that the constitution and laws of the United States be so amended as to absolve the citizens of that State from all partici- on in perpetuating slavery.

motion was made that the petition be received: and being objected to,

rdered, That the motion lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

rdered, That John Hibbard have leave to withdraw his petition and ers.

r. Bright reported from the committee that they had yesterday pre- ed to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 8) for the f of William Elliot, junior, of Fulton county, State of Illinois.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

rdered, That the report from the bureau of Topographical Engineers, aining the result of the trials and experiments with Putnam's plough lger, be printed.

he Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made by Mr. neron the 26th February, to print sixty thousand copies of the annual rt of the Commissioner of Patents: and,

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

rdered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, nanimous consent, and agreed to:

esolved, That a committee of five members be appointed, to inquire and rt what measures, if any, are proper to vindicate the character and or of the Senate against the charges of corruption, published in a spaper printed in Washington city, called the Daily Times, on the 9th, 10th, and 11th instant, with power to examine witnesses and l for persons and papers.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

rdered, That the committee be appointed by the Vice President: and Mr. Jarnagin, Mr. Benton, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. John M. Clayton, and Turney, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was re- ed the bill (S. 3) to establish courts of the United States, and provide the due execution of the laws of the United States in the State of rida, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

rdered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, nanimous consent, and agreed to:

esolved, That the select committee this day appointed to investigate ain charges made in the Daily Times, printed in this city, against a ion of the United States Senate, be and are hereby authorized to employ mpetent clerk, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

he Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration

of the joint resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, March 16, 1846.

Mr. Semple presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the establishment of a national armory at Fort Massac, on the Ohio river: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Speight presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying the adoption of measures for draining the inundated public lands lying between the Yazoo and Mississippi rivers, in the State of Mississippi, and a grant of land to the State of Mississippi for purposes of internal improvement: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of R. H. Champion and P. F. Dering, praying the right of pre-emption to a quarter section of land in the Territory of Wisconsin: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Chalmers presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying a grant of land to aid in the improvement of the Chickasahay, Pascagoula, and Leaf rivers, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of a State military convention, assembled at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, praying a reorganization of the militia system of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Militia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jenness presented a petition of citizens of Newmarket, New Hampshire, praying the adoption of measures for the peaceful settlement of all international difficulties: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of William B. Fail, praying permission to change the location of a tract of land entered by him under the act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, praying that the mineral lands of the United States may be sold as other public lands: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Willis Wilson, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Cass presented two petitions of citizens of Michigan, praying the construction of a harbor at the mouth of the Sheboygan river: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented a communication signed by Charles Callaghan, in relation to the payment of the certificates issued by the United States to claimants in whose favor awards have been made by the commissioners under the convention with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, submitted documents relating to the claim of Agness Williams, widow of a deceased revolutionary officer, to an increase of pension: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to furnish the Senate with the following information, to wit:

What has been the average total annual expenditure of the government during each period of ten years since the year 1796.

What has been the average annual expense during each period of ten years since the year 1796, of—

1. The civil department of the government;
2. The military branch of service;
3. The naval branch of service;
4. The Indian relations;
5. The public lands;

separating the expenditures in each branch into appropriate divisions.

What has been the average number of persons annually in the public service during each period of ten years since the year 1796—

1. In civil department, including the Indian relations;
2. In military service;
3. In naval service.

What number of vessels of the navy have been in commission in each year since 1796, and the number of guns mounted by the same.

What has been the cost, 1st, per ton; 2d, per gun, of each vessel of the navy of the United States; and what has been the cost of repairs upon each since built; the year when each vessel was launched, and the number of years each vessel has been in actual cruising service since they were launched.

What has been the expenditure for fortifications in each State since the adoption of the constitution.

What has been the expenditure for each navy yard, annually, including the improvements, pay of officers, &c.

What has been the expenditure for harbors, roads, and other improvements in each State since the adoption of the constitution.

What has been the total sum raised, by taxation or otherwise, for the use of the government since the adoption of the constitution.

What has been the total expenditure since the adoption of the constitution—

1. For the civil department, separating the executive, legislative, and judicial expenses;
2. For the naval establishment;
3. For the military establishment;
4. For the Indian relations, including purchase of lands.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

the petition of citizens of Bates county, Missouri, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 122) to authorize the justices of the county court of Bates county, in the State of Missouri, to enter a certain quarter section of land for a county seat.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The said bill was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Benton, from the select committee appointed to inquire and report what measures, if any, are proper to vindicate the character and honor of the Senate against the charges of corruption published in a newspaper printed in Washington city, called the "Daily Times," on the 5th, 9th, 10th, and 11th instant, with power to examine witnesses, and to send for persons and papers, reported:

"That, in entering upon the execution of their duties as prescribed in the order of their appointment, the committee believed that their researches were to be directed to the truth of the charges of corruption made in said paper with a view to the conduct of the Senate and its members, and not with the view of arraigning or punishing the authors of the publication. Under this sense of their duties, the committee summoned before them the editor of the Daily Times newspaper, (Mr. H. H. Robinson,) and the publisher, (Mr. J. E. Dow,) as witnesses, who, of their own knowledge, or by giving the names of others, might be able to prove the alleged corruptions; and the committee declined to act upon intimations that others besides the editor and publisher might be found to be connected with the authorship of these publications. The inquiry, in this way, avoided all aspect of a proceeding against the authors of the publications, and became wholly directed to the character of the Senate as a component part of our republican institutions, and which cannot be impaired or destroyed without great injury to those institutions.

To avoid calling persons unnecessarily and improperly before them, the committee requested the editor and the publisher of the paper to state, in writing, the facts they expected to prove by each witness, which was done; and the statements thus made being copied into the minutes of the proceedings, became a justification for summoning each witness, and also a guide to his examination, and gave the editor and the publisher the benefit of directing the inquiry to the points which they deemed material.

Under the general imputation against Senators, of corrupt communications with the British minister in relation to the settlement of the Oregon question, the articles published in the Times contained three specifications of a character sufficiently definite to admit of specific inquiry; and to the truth of these specifications the researches of the committee were chiefly directed. These specifications were: 1. A dinner, or entertainment, at the British minister's, at which many Senators were said to be present, and where corrupt conversations in relation to the Oregon question were supposed to have been held. 2. A meeting of whig members, in a room at the Capitol, on the Friday before the sailing of the steamer Cambria, at which the British minister was charged to be present, and where it was said to be agreed to have a vote taken, to be sent off to Great Britain by the return of that steamer. 3. An admission, by Mr. Senator John M.

Clayton, that he was present at the British minister's table when the strength of the British Oregon party in the Senate, as it was styled, "*was counted by their noses.*"

Each of these specifications was found, upon investigation, to be utterly and entirely false.

1. With respect to the dinner at the British minister's, and the alleged corrupt conversations there, the editor and the publisher of the Times paper each declared, on oath, that he had no personal knowledge of any such dinner or conversation. The two persons named by them as witnesses having "*a knowledge*" of the dinner, or entertainment, and of the conversation there held—namely, Messrs. Samuel Medary and L. C. Turner—swore positively that they had no "*knowledge*" of any such dinner, conversation, or entertainment. There remained, then, no persons for further examination on this head, but the Senators charged with being present at the supposed dinner; and the editor and publisher of the paper having each refused to say that he expected to prove by any member of the Senate any conversations with the British minister of the character mentioned in the publications, and having, on the contrary, sworn that they did not expect to prove any such conversations by said Senators, it appeared to the committee that there was no foundation for calling the said Senators, or any of them, to testify; but it was deemed proper to make known to the Senators whose names had been given in as witnesses, the facts in relation to the use made of their names, that they might act in relation to it as they thought proper. They were informed accordingly; and the Senators so informed, each for himself, promptly sent in sworn statements utterly contradicting all that was imputed to him. These statements, with the other evidence, were entered on the minutes of the committee's proceedings, and leave no doubt on the minds of the committee that the whole story in relation to the dinner, and the alleged corrupt conversations, is a false and contemptible libel.

2. In relation to the meeting of the whig Senators in the Capitol, and the closeting of the British minister with them on the Friday before the sailing of the Cambria, and the alleged resolve then taken to have an immediate vote on the Oregon question to send out by the Cambria, the committee, after full and careful inquiry, find the whole story to be unfounded and untrue; that there was no meeting of such Senators on that day; that the British minister was never at such a meeting on any day; that there was a meeting a day or two before the day charged, at which the sense of the meeting in relation to the Oregon question was precisely the contrary of the resolve imputed to it in the publications, being in favor of a delay of the debate for two weeks, instead of hurrying a vote to be carried out by the Cambria. These facts are proved by whig members present at the actual meeting; and further, that in conformity with this resolve to postpone the debate, a Senator at the meeting (Mr. Dayton) was appointed to move the postponement in the Senate, and did so; and only withdrew his motion after debate and opposition. And thus this story of a whig meeting in the Capitol, attended by the British minister, is proved to be an absurd fabrication.

3. With respect to the "*nose counting*" at the British minister's table, the whole story has had a termination so ridiculous and contemptible, that the committee find it difficult to speak of it in the temperate language which becomes a report to the Senate. State papers seem to descend from

their dignity when compelled to notice things so despicable, false, and vulgar. Justice, however, to the character of our institutions requires it to be done, and the committee will discharge their duty in the fewest possible words.

Publications in the Times newspaper had charged this species of counting the (so called) strength of the British on the Oregon question in the Senate of the United States, and the British minister's table was made the place of the enumeration. On the first day of the meeting of the committee, the editor of the Times (Mr. H. H. Robinson) wrote down in the presence of the committee that he expected to prove by Mr. E. B. Schnabel, of Philadelphia, that Mr. J. M. Clayton, a member of the committee then present, had admitted that he was present at the British minister's table when this "*counting by noses*" took place. Mr. Clayton instantly demanded the production of the witness. Fortunately, Mr. Schnabel, contrary to his intention expressed the evening before in the presence of the editor of the Times, had not returned that morning to Philadelphia, and quickly appeared before the committee. On seeing what was written down as expected to be proved by him, he manifested perfect amazement; declared that he could not sustain Mr. Robinson; that he was totally ignorant of everything attributed to him; that he had never seen Mr. Robinson until the night before, when he casually met him at the room of a member of Congress; that he had asked him what proofs he had to carry before the Senate's committee to justify his charges, and talked with him about some of the rumors in circulation; and that all that was attributed to him was false and unfounded. Mr. Schnabel expressed his extreme mortification at being called as a witness in such a case, and spoke like a man of honor whose sensibilities were wounded at finding himself in such an unpleasant situation.

The next morning, a communication was received from Mr. Robinson, which he desired to have entered on the minutes of the proceedings as a correction of his previous reference to Mr. Schnabel, declaring it to have been an "*inadvertence*," and that Messrs. Medary and Turner were the persons intended to be named. Soon after, Mr. Schnabel himself appeared, and asked to add to his testimony of the previous day what had occurred since his examination on yesterday, which was, that he had met Mr. Robinson that morning, who had acknowledged his mistake, retracted what he had imputed to Mr. Schnabel, and promised to have his retraxit made known to the committee. The additional statements of each were entered upon the minutes of the proceedings, and the inquiry considered finished, the committee seeing no reason to examine Messrs. Medary and Turner, who had previously sworn that they had no knowledge of anything that had ever been said or done at the British minister's table. But Mr. Clayton desiring it, these witnesses were recalled, and examined to that point, and both fully declared that they knew nothing of any dinner at the British minister's, or any conversations there, or any admissions of any kind from Mr. Clayton, and that they had never spoken to or conversed with him in their lives, and had given Mr. Robinson no information on the subject.

Thus terminated the examination into the only tangible specifications under the general charge of corruption against Senators contained in the publications in the Times newspaper of the dates referred to. The examination terminated in the total overthrow of those charges; and how-

ever unfounded and unworthy of notice they have been shown to be, the committee believe a service has been rendered to the institutions of our country, and to the decencies and hospitality of private life, in exposing them to the contempt they merit.

The committee confine themselves, in this report, to the results established by the testimony, in which they unanimously concur. The testimony itself is set out in the minutes of the proceedings; and the committee have to say that all the witnesses summoned before them testified readily and frankly, except one, (a Mr. G. T. M. Davis,) who had acknowledged himself to be the writer of the extract of a letter copied into the Daily Times from the Missouri Republican, and charging corruption and British collusion on Senators and Representatives. After naming a Senator as being alluded to in the charge, and admitting that he had no personal knowledge of its truth, he refused to go on with his testimony unless allowed to repeat the hearsay of some person whom he refused to name, and who also refused to sign his own deposition as written down by himself, and in which no error was suggested. This individual was notified to attend this day, that the Senate, if it saw fit, might take some order with respect to him; but the committee propose nothing, believing that the vindication of the Senator named from the charge made against him, and all the ends of justice, will be fully accomplished by the publication of the accuser's own testimony, as far as it went.

In conclusion, the committee have to remark that the editor of the Times (Mr. H. H. Robinson) declared that he was the writer of all the articles referred to in his paper, except the quoted extract from the Missouri Republican, and that he has no personal knowledge of the truth of anything he wrote in the said articles.

In execution of that part of their duty, under the Senate's order, which required the committee to report what "*measures*" are proper for the vindication of the honor and character of the Senate, they believe it to be sufficient, in this case, to recommend the printing of this report, and of all the testimony taken by the committee; and that the editor and the publisher of the Times (Mr. H. H. Robinson and Mr. J. E. Dow) and their reporters be excluded from the gallery of the Senate reporters."

The report was read; and, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the report, with the testimony taken by the committee, be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 232) further to amend "An act supplementary to an act to fix the value of certain moneys of account in computation at the custom-house," approved March 3d, 1845; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bill was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the

6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 17, 1846.

Mr. Allen presented a petition of citizens of Paulding county, Ohio, praying a reduction of the price of the public lands in that county: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Mangum presented the petition of Newbold N. Prichett and Company, praying to be allowed to take out a patent for the discovery of a mode of cultivating the tea plant: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Halstead, Haines, and Company, merchants, of New York, praying the reimbursement of duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector of New York on certain goods imported by them: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of owners and masters of vessels navigating the lakes, praying the construction of a harbor at the mouth of the Sheboygan river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Turney presented the petition of the widow of John T. King, deceased, praying compensation for the services of her late husband as pension agent in East Tennessee: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ashley submitted additional documents relating to the petition of Henry and G. K. Cheatham: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of citizens of Berrien county, Michigan, praying the establishment of a mail route from Niles to New Buffalo, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Breese submitted an additional document in relation to the petition of R. H. Champion and William S. Derring: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to report to the Senate the condition of the new building intended for a marine hospital in New Orleans; the sum required to complete the building; the sum paid per month by the United States for rent of the building now used as a marine hospital in that city; and also an account of the expenses attending the establishment per month, specifying the different items of said expense.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of extending the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the

district courts of the United States to cases arising on the navigable waters of the United States.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to aid the State of Mississippi in rebuilding the marine hospital at Vicksburg.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the reporters of the Senate who have seats assigned them, shall be furnished with one copy each of such documents, reports, &c., of which an extra number are furnished, over the regular number printed by order of the Senate.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That after Monday next the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the maps, now in the room of the Committee on Public Lands of the Senate, and compiled from the actual surveys, to be finished so as to render them useful for the purposes for which they were originally intended: Provided, if the same cannot be finished with the force now at the disposal of the said Secretary, in the General Land Office, then, and in that case, additional force be employed for that purpose.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That hereafter the Senate will sit on Fridays until otherwise ordered, and will appropriate that day exclusively to the consideration of the bills and joint resolutions on the general orders of the Senate, proceeding according to the order in which they stand thereon.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the report of the select committee, with the accompanying testimony, on the charges contained in the Daily Times, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the memorial of the members of the bar of Philadelphia, and the memorial of the members of the bar of New Jersey, in favor of distributing the undrawn appropriation for the salary of the associate justice of the supreme court for the eastern and western districts of Pennsylvania and the district of New Jersey, among the district court judges for those districts, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialists ought not to be granted.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Nahum Haskell, reported a bill (S. 123) for the relief of certain bail of Thaddeus P. Haskell, of the State of Vermont: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Gustavus B. Horner.

Mr. Thomas Clayton, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the representatives of Major General William Alexander, Lord Stirling, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 35) authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made under Indian treaties, to alienate the same in fee, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Preston Starrett and others, submitted a report: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Dayton the 2d instant, requesting the President to inform the Senate whether, in his judgment, any circumstances connected with or growing out of the relations of the United States with foreign powers require, at this time, an increase of the naval or military force of the United States: and

The resolution was agreed to.

The bill (H. R. 260) to repeal the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia hereafter to reside in Alexandria, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The resolution (S. R. 17) for the relief of Peter Gorman, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Archer,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of D. F. Manice, partner of Manice, Phelps, and Company, and Manice, Gould, and Company, merchants of New York, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector of that port: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of citizens of Pittsford, New York, praying the erection of fortifications at Rochester, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cass presented the memorial of Henry R. Schoolcraft, praying to be

allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, a credit for certain disbursements, and compensation for extra services as Indian agent in Michigan: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Allen presented the memorial of Marie Loubet, representative of John Baptiste, Viscount de Lomague, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of the New Jersey Historical Society, praying the publication by Congress of an increased number of copies of the scientific works of the exploring expedition: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the rights of the ancient French inhabitants of Peoria, in the State of Illinois, to lands and lots at that place; and if it shall be found that they had rights to lands or lots which have not been confirmed, then to inquire and report what action is necessary to be taken to confirm those rights.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of organizing the militia of the United States on the following bases, to wit:

1st. Within each and every district containing one thousand free white male citizens of the United States over the age of twenty-one, and under the age of fifty years, there shall be raised, by voluntary enrolment or otherwise, one company of one hundred militia men, to be organized and disciplined as may be provided by law, and the whole, or any part of them, may be called into the service of the United States whenever Congress may order it.

2d. Whenever any part of the militia shall be called into the service of the United States, they shall be bound to serve for five years, unless sooner discharged.

3d. All non-commissioned officers, and officers of the line, as high as the rank of captain, shall be elected by the men composing each company from among themselves.

4th. All officers above the rank of captain shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; provided, that no officer shall be appointed unless he be taken from the officers or men composing the militia, and all promotions shall be made from the officers or from the ranks according to merit.

5th. Officers to drill by regiments once a year, and to receive pay for the time, not exceeding one week.

6th. Each company to drill once a year, or oftener if they think proper.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the report of the Postmaster General on the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of M. H. De Leon, executor of Thomas Cooper, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 124) to refund to the legal representative of Thomas Cooper a fine imposed under the sedition law.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Elizabeth Sevier, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a memorial of officers of the United States army on brevet and staff rank, submitted a report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 39) granting a pension to Noah Conner, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Eli Hinds, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Jemima Flood, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Gassaway, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Samuel R. Read, and from the further consideration of the petition of George Guier, and that the petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 46) explanatory of the fourth section of an act "making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending 30th June, 1846, and for other purposes," approved March 3d, 1845, reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 19, 1846.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of Abraham P. Housman, administrator of Jacob Housman, deceased, praying indemnity for the destruction of his property by the Seminole Indians during the Florida war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Edward Hardy, praying the reimbursement of the duties alleged to have been unlawfully exacted of him by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Cornelius Oakley, deceased, praying a pension for his services in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Semple presented a petition of citizens of Union county, Illinois, praying the establishment of a national armory at Fort Massac, on the Ohio river, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of citizens of Cayuga county, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the construction of a plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of George Trull, praying the reimbursement of the duties alleged to have been unlawfully exacted of him by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sturgeon, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of Oliver C. Harris, reported a bill (S. 125) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Philadelphia that steel may be admitted free of duty, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom the subject was referred, reported the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to communicate to the Senate all the information in the bureaus connected with the Department of War in relation to the relative capacities of the harbors between Erie and Buffalo, on lake Erie, of being made ports of refuge for vessels compelled to seek a harbor by stress of weather, with the plans of improvement which have been made, together with the estimates of expenditure necessary to execute such plans, the sums of money heretofore expended, the condition of the work already performed, and any other data by which an accurate opinion may be formed as to the most prompt and economical method of securing a port of refuge on that part of lake Erie above referred to.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of J. Melville Gilliss, reported a resolution:

"That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a resolution (S. R. 20) to provide for the publication of a code of land laws and instructions: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 260) to repeal the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia hereafter to reside in Alexandria.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the

6th of August A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, March 23, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit, for your consideration, a correspondence between the minister of her Britannic majesty in Washington and the Secretary of State, containing an arrangement for the adjustment and payment of the claims of the respective governments upon each other, arising from the collection of certain import duties in violation of the second article of the commercial convention of 3d of July, 1815, between the two countries; and I respectfully submit to Congress the propriety of making provision to carry this arrangement into effect.

The second article of this convention provides that "no higher or other duties shall be imposed on the importation into the United States of any articles the growth, produce, or manufacture of his Britannic majesty's territories in Europe, and no higher or other duties shall be imposed on the importation into the territories of his Britannic majesty in Europe of any articles the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, than are or shall be payable on the like articles, being the growth, produce, or manufacture of any other foreign country."

Previous to the act of Parliament of the 13th of August, 1836, the duty on foreign rough rice imported into Great Britain was two shillings and sixpence sterling per bushel. By this act the duty was reduced to one penny per quarter (of eight bushels) on the rough rice "imported from the west coast of Africa."

Upon the earnest and repeated remonstrances of our ministers at London, in opposition to this discrimination against American and in favor of African rice, as a violation of the subsisting convention, Parliament, by the act of 9th July, 1842, again equalized the duty on all foreign rough rice by fixing it at seven shillings per quarter. In the intervening period, however, of nearly six years, large importations had been made into Great Britain of American rough rice, which was subjected to a duty of two shillings and sixpence per bushel; but the importers, knowing their rights under the convention, claimed that it should be admitted at the rate of one penny per quarter, the duty imposed on African rice. This claim was resisted by the British government, and the excess of duty was paid, at the first, under protest, and afterwards, in consequence of an arrangement with the board of customs, by the deposite of exchequer bills.

It seems to have been a clear violation both of the letter and spirit of the convention to admit rough rice, "the growth" of Africa, at one penny per quarter, whilst the very same article, "the growth" of the United States, was charged with a duty of two shillings and sixpence per bushel.

The claim of Great Britain, under the same article of the convention, is founded on the tariff act of 30th August, 1842. Its 25th section provides

"that nothing in this act contained shall apply to goods shipped in a vessel bound to any port of the United States actually having left her last port of lading eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, or beyond Cape Horn, prior to the first day of September, 1842; and all legal provisions and regulations existing immediately before the 30th day of June, 1842, shall be applied to importations which may be made in vessels which have left such last port of lading eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, or beyond Cape Horn, prior to said first day of September, 1842."

The British government contends that it was a violation of the second article of the convention for this act to require that "articles, the growth, produce, or manufacture" of Great Britain, when imported into the United States in vessels which had left their last port of lading in Great Britain prior to the first day of September, 1842, should pay any "higher or other duties" than were imposed on "like articles," "the growth, produce, or manufacture" of countries beyond the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn.

Upon a careful consideration of the subject, I arrived at the conclusion that this claim on the part of the British government was well founded. I deem it unnecessary to state my reasons at length for adopting this opinion, the whole subject being fully explained in the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury and the accompanying papers.

The amount necessary to satisfy the British claim cannot at present be ascertained with any degree of accuracy, no individual having yet presented his case to the government of the United States. It is not apprehended that the amount will be large. After such examination of the subject as it has been in his power to make, the Secretary of the Treasury believes that it will not exceed $100,000.

On the other hand, the claims of the importers of rough rice into Great Britain have been already ascertained, as the duties were paid either under protest, or in exchequer bills. Their amount is stated by Mr. Everett, our late minister at London, in a despatch dated June 1, 1843, to be £88,886 16*s*. 10*d*. sterling, of which £60,006 0*s*. 4*d*. belong to citizens of the United States.

As it may be long before the amount of the British claim can be ascertained, and it would be unreasonable to postpone payment to the American claimants until this can be adjusted, it has been proposed to the British government immediately to refund the excess of duties collected by it on American rough rice. I should entertain a confident hope that this proposal would be accepted, should the arrangement concluded be sanctioned by an act of Congress making provision for the return of the duties in question. The claimants might then be paid as they present their demands, properly authenticated, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *March* 23, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance and printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the condition of the building intended for a marine hospital at New Orleans, and the cost of completing it; the sum paid monthly for the rent

of the building now used, and the monthly expenses of the establishment. The report was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright presented a petition of citizens of Indiana, praying the construction of a wire suspension bridge across the Ohio river: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of members of the bar of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, praying that the unexpended appropriation for the salary of the associate justice of the supreme court for the third judicial circuit may be divided among the several district judges in that circuit.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented seven petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for abolishing slavery in the United States.

A motion was made that the petitions be received: and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the adoption of measures for terminating the convention between the United States and Great Britain, relative to the Oregon Territory, and the extension of the laws of the United States over said Territory.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Westcott presented the memorial of Daniel Simmons, praying indemnity for the destruction of his property by the Seminole Indians in the Florida war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of the heirs of Jonathan Johnson, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Martha Moore, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Priscilla Green, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of citizens of Carroll parish, Louisiana, praying the establishment of a national armory and foundery at Fort Massac, on the Ohio river: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Speight presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying that certain settlers on the public lands in that State may be confirmed in their pre-emption rights: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of citizens of Milwaukie, Wisconsin Territory, praying the establishment of a daily mail on the route between Milwaukie and Detroit: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Michael Bowden, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bagby submitted an additional document relative to the petition of Hugh Wallace Wormley: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented a memorial of citizens of St. Louis, Missouri, praying an appropriation for improving the navigation of the western rivers, deepening the harbor of that city, and for the purchase of the Louisville and Portland canal: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented three petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent, heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Webster submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible with public interests, any correspondence which took place between the government of the United States and that of Great Britain, on the subject of the northeastern boundary, between the 20th of June, 1840, and the 4th of March, 1841.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 19th instant, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, instructing the Secretary to report the condition of the new building intended for a marine hospital in the city of New Orleans, &c., be referred, together with the documents accompanying it, to the Committee on Commerce; and that the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to complete the said building.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the sergeant-at-arms be authorized to continue J. G. Schott as a messenger of the Senate, and that the usual pay be allowed him for his services as such from the 1st December last to the end of the session.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the legislature of the State of Ohio, presented the 2d February, and that they be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs-at-law of Erastus Brown, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Marvin, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 126) for the relief of William Marvin, in confirming the title to a tract of land in Florida, granted by the Spanish government to Bernardo Segui on the 20th of December, 1815.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a memorial of the legislature of the State of Tennessee, reported a bill (S. 127) to surrender to the State of Tennessee all title the United States have to lands in Tennessee south and west of the line commonly called the congressional reservation line, and to release to said State the proceeds of

such of said lands as may have been sold by the State of Tennessee as the agent of the United States: which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of J. M. White and others, representatives of John Smith, T. submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 128) to compromise the claim of the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith, T. under a Spanish grant.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Barclay, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 129) for the relief of Robert Barclay, of Missouri.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Beebe Wadhams, legal representative of Heman Allen, deceased, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was recommitted the memorial of William Starke Jett, administrator of Thomas Jett, deceased, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Simeon Hubbard, legal representative of Cooper Polyreen, deceased, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of George Wingard, reported a bill (S. 130) for his relief: which was read, and passed to a second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 18) making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (H. R. 260,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 260) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 18) making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 3) to establish courts of the United States, and provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States in the State of Florida.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1846.

Mr. Dickinson presented two petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Turney presented a communication addressed to him by the Secretary of War, showing the pay and allowances of officers in the army during the years 1812, 1824, 1838, and at the present time: which was ordered to be printed, with the accompanying documents.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Jacob B. Clarke, praying the reimbursement of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hannegan presented a memorial of citizens of Evansville, Indiana, praying the establishment of a port of entry, and the erection of a marine hospital at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis presented a memorial of fishermen and owners of vessels employed in the codfishery, and others, citizens of Marblehead, Massachusetts, remonstrating against the repeal of the fishing bounties and allowances.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Louisiana, recommending the erection of fortifications at New Orleans, in that State: which was read.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented a memorial of Francois Le Beau, Jean Bevin, and Alexis Porch, remonstrating against the confirmation of certain private land claims in Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the resolutions of the legislature of the State of Louisiana, of the 10th instant, instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives in Congress to call the immediate attention of the government of the United States to the necessity of erecting such fortifications and armaments as will secure the city of New Orleans from invasion, be referred to the Secretary of War, and that he be instructed to report to the Senate a plan for the defence of the city of New Orleans, together with an estimate of the expenses required to perform the works which may be recommended in said plan.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the inquiry of the Senate, contained in their resolution of the 17th instant, whether, in my "judgment, any circumstances connected with, or growing out of, the foreign relations of this country, require at this time an increase of our naval or military force;" and, if so, "what

those circumstances are," I have to express the opinion that a wise precaution demands such increase.

In my annual message of the 2d of December last, I recommended to the favorable consideration of Congress an increase of our naval force, especially of our steam navy, and the raising of an adequate military force to guard and protect such of our citizens as might think proper to emigrate to Oregon. Since that period, I have seen no cause to recall or modify these recommendations. On the contrary, reasons exist which, in my judgment, render it proper not only that they should be promptly carried into effect, but that additional provision should be made for the public defence.

The consideration of such additional provision was brought before appropriate committees of the two houses of Congress, in answer to calls made by them, in reports prepared, with my sanction, by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, on the 29th of December and the 8th of January last; a mode of communication with Congress not unusual, and, under existing circumstances, believed to be most eligible. Subsequent events have confirmed me in the opinion that these recommendations were proper as precautionary measures.

It was a wise maxim of the Father of his country, that "to be prepared for war, is one of the most efficient means of preserving peace;" and that, "avoiding occasions of expense by cultivating peace," we should "remember, also, that timely disbursements to prepare for danger frequently prevent much greater disbursements to repel it." The general obligation to perform this duty is greatly strengthened by facts known to the whole world. A controversy respecting the Oregon Territory now exists between the United States and Great Britain; and while, as far as we know, the relations of the latter with all European nations are of the most pacific character, she is making unusual and extraordinary armaments and warlike preparations, naval and military, both at home and in her North American possessions.

It cannot be disguised that, however sincere may be the desire of peace, in the event of a rupture these armaments and preparations would be used against our country. Whatever may have been the original purpose of these preparations, the fact is undoubted that they are now proceeding, in part, at least, with a view to the contingent possibility of a war with the United States. The general policy of making additional warlike preparations was distinctly announced, in the speech from the throne, as late as January last, and has since been reiterated by the ministers of the crown in both houses of Parliament. Under this aspect of our relations with Great Britain, I cannot doubt the propriety of increasing our means of defence, both by land and sea. This can give Great Britain no cause of offence, nor increase the danger of a rupture. If, on the contrary, we should fold our arms in security, and at last be suddenly involved in hostilities for the maintenance of our just rights, without any adequate preparation, our responsibility to the country would be of the gravest character. Should collision between the two countries be avoided, as I sincerely trust it may be, the additional charge upon the treasury, in making the necessary preparations, will not be lost; while, in the event of such a collision, they would be indispensable for the maintenance of our national rights and national honor.

I have seen no reason to change or modify the recommendations of my

annual message in regard to the Oregon question. The notice to abrogate the treaty of the 6th of August, 1827, is authorized by the treaty itself, and cannot be regarded as a warlike measure; and I cannot withhold my strong conviction that it should be promptly given. The other recommendations are in conformity with the existing treaty, and would afford to American citizens in Oregon no more than the same measure of protection which has long since been extended to British subjects in that Territory.

The state of our relations with Mexico is still in an unsettled condition. Since the meeting of Congress another revolution has taken place in that country, by which the government has passed into the hands of new rulers. This event has procrastinated, and may possibly defeat, the settlement of the differences between the United States and that country. The minister of the United States to Mexico, at the date of the last advices, had not been received by the existing authorities. Demonstrations of a character hostile to the United States continue to be made in Mexico, which has rendered it proper, in my judgment, to keep nearly two-thirds of our army on our southwestern frontier. In doing this, many of the regular military posts have been reduced to a small force, inadequate to their defence should an emergency arise.

In view of these "circumstances," it is my "judgment" that "an increase of our naval and military force is at this time required," to place the country in a suitable state of defence. At the same time, it is my settled purpose to pursue such a course of policy as may be best calculated to preserve, both with Great Britain and Mexico, an honorable peace; which nothing will so effectually promote as unanimity in our councils, and a firm maintenance of all our just rights.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *March* 24, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied by seventy-five copies of the Navy Register for the year 1846: which was read.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Barrow presented a petition of M. E. Levy and others, citizens of St. John's county, Florida, representing the injury they would sustain by

the passage of the bill (S. 86) for the relief of Joseph Chaires and others; and praying that the same may not become a law: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Haym M. Salomon, praying the reimbursement of advances made by his father during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Yulee presented the memorial of Jonathan Tyner, praying to be indemnified for the destruction of his property by order of a United States officer during the Florida war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying an increase of the duty on coarse wool: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of members of the Lyceum of Natural History, in New York, praying the publication by Congress of an increased number of the scientific works of the exploring expedition: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of James Buchanan, late British consul at the port of New York, praying the reimbursement of expenses incident to a prosecution instituted against a vessel captured and brought into that port by a British officer, for having been engaged in the slave trade; and also attending the custody of the cargo: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Tioga county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted a communication from the Secretary of War relative to the expediency of increasing the military defences of the country: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committees on Military and Naval Affairs, respectively, lay before the Senate the estimates communicated to them by the respective Secretaries of War and the Navy, for the increase of the military and naval means of the defence of the country.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance inquire into the right of the State of Florida to a ratable share of the surplus revenue distributed to the States under the act of Congress of June 23, 1836.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of directing that in all cases where a petition is presented to the Senate for the establishment of a post route, and in the same petition the establishment of post offices or the appointment of postmasters is prayed for, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate to transmit to the Postmaster General such petition, provided the post route therein prayed for shall have been established by law.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Billings, reported a bill (S. 132) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase of American

water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of certain mechanics and laborers employed in the navy yard at Washington, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Clayton, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Willis Wilson, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of making certain alterations in the Senate chamber, submitted a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate take prompt order for the construction of an additional gallery over the marble gallery, the arrangement of the reporters' seats as proposed by them, the improvement of the lantern light, and the furnishing and preparing the marble gallery in appropriate style for the use of the ladies: *Provided*, That the expense attending the same shall not exceed four thousand dollars.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 66) for the relief of Sally Rockwood, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted an adverse report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 131) for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Knight, junior, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Charles Stearns, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, the 17th instant, in relation to furnishing reporters with copies of additional documents printed by the Senate; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Niles the 23d instant, in relation to the appointment of a messenger to the Senate: and

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they presented to the

President of the United States the 24th instant, the enrolled bill (H. R. 260) to repeal the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia hereafter to reside in Alexandria.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 24th instant, the bill (H. R. 260) entitled "An act to repeal the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia hereafter to reside in Alexandria."

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 38) to authorize an increase in the rank and file of the army of the United States: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill from the House of Representatives last mentioned was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to establish courts of the United States, and provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, in the State of Florida.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Miller,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 26, 1846.

Mr. Chalmers presented the credentials of the Hon. Thomas F. Rusk, elected a Senator by the legislature of the State of Texas for the constitutional term. The credentials were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Rusk, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a joint resolution of Congress of the 15th June, 1844, relative to the collection of statistical information: which was read.

Mr. Bagby presented additional documents in relation to the memorial of the representatives of Jacob Housman, deceased: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of the American Shipwreck Society in New York, praying the enactment of a law for the better protection of the lives and property of persons wrecked upon the coast: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield presented a petition of citizens of North Yarmouth, Maine, praying that the bounties allowed by law to persons engaged in the cod-fisheries may not be discontinued.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of citizens of Lincoln and Pike counties, Missouri, praying to be protected in the possession of the lands purchased by them from the United States, which proved to be within the limits of a confirmed Spanish grant.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dix, that the vote on referring the petition of James Buchanan to the Committee on Foreign Relations be reconsidered:

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

Ordered, That Gilbert Stalker and N. B. Hill have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Pearce asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 133) for the final adjustment of the accounts of some of the States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel A. Morse, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 134) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

The bill (S. 132) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase of American water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 3d instant by Mr. John M. Clayton, relative to a correspondence on the subject of Oregon: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 132) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase of American water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy.

On motion by Mr. Barrow, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 18.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Corwin, Crittenden, Evans, Haywood, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Rusk, Speight, Upham, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Johnson, of Louisiana, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The bill (S. 117) for the relief of George Wentling was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, March 30, 1846.

Mr. Rusk presented the credentials of the honorable Samuel Houston, elected a Senator by the legislature of the State of Texas for the constitutional term. The credentials were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Houston, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate proceed to ascertain the classes in which the Senators from the State of Texas shall be inserted, in conformity with the resolution of the 14th May, 1789, and as the constitution requires.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the Secretary put into the ballot-box three papers of equal size, numbered 1, 2, 3; that each Senator from the State of Texas draw out one paper; that number one, if drawn, shall entitle the Senator to be placed in the class whose term of service will expire the third day of March, 1847; number two, in the class whose term will expire the third day of March, 1849; and number three, in the class whose term will expire the third day of March, 1851.

Whereupon,

The papers above mentioned were put by the Secretary into the box, and Mr. Houston drew number one, and is accordingly in the class of Senators whose terms of service will expire the third day of March, 1847; and Mr. Rusk drew number three, and is accordingly in the class of Senators whose terms of service will expire the third day of March, 1851.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with the fifth section of the act of Congress entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic

expenses of government for the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1845, and for other purposes," approved June 17, 1844, communicating statements relative to transactions between the government and the depositories of the public money: which was read.

Mr. Webster presented a petition of merchants of Boston, Massachusetts, praying that the bill (H. R. 232) to fix the value of certain foreign moneys of account in computation at the custom-houses, may not be made to embrace Turkish coins: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Ruth Frye, widow of Samuel Frye, deceased, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Semple presented the memorial of A. G. Sloo, praying that a contract be given him for transporting the mail between the United States and foreign countries: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of Moses M. Strong, in behalf of the citizens of Potosi, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying a grant of land for improving the harbor at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a mail route from Pilot Hill, in that State, to Rockville, Missouri: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cass presented a petition of citizens of Van Buren county, Michigan, praying the establishment of a mail route from St. Joseph, in that State, to Milwaukie, Wisconsin Territory: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a memorial of P. E. Hoffman and others, assignees of the Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying to be released from the payment of interest claimed by the United States on the public money deposited in that institution: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Ethan A. Allen, legal representative of Ethan Allen, deceased, praying compensation for revolutionary services: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Calhoun presented the petition of Gilbert Stalker and N. B. Hill, praying compensation for a steamboat lost while in the public service: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Cass,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of Henry H. Marsh, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Nathaniel Wright.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of G. D. Duvall, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a report from the Committee on Indian Affairs, in reference to creating a board of commissioners to adjudicate and settle claims arising under the Cherokee treaty of 1835–'6, be laid before the President of the United States, as containing the sense of the Senate.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the Senate the condition of the old custom-house in the city of New Orleans; whether it is now fit for the purposes for which it is used; whether the commerce of New Orleans and the public interest do not require the immediate construction of a new custom-house in that city, and the sum required for the construction of such a building; and further, that he report to the Senate the sum required for the improvement of the harbor at Port Pontchartrain, in the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Eli Hobbs, administrator of George Hobbs, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Orlando S. Rees, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Mary B. Hook, reported a resolution:

"That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William W. Hall, reported a resolution:

"That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Hannah Atwood, widow of Francis A. Drew.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Pierre Chouteau, jr., and others, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 135) to confirm the title of a tract of land in the Territory of Iowa to the heirs, assignees, or legal representatives of Julien Dubuque, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Balie Peyton, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 136) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the Attorney General, to purchase for the United States the interest of Balie Peyton in the tract of land upon which the light-house stands, at the southwest pass, at the mouth of the Mississippi river.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Thompson Hutchinson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 137) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Jones, heir of John Carr, submitted

a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 138) for the relief of Elizabeth Jones, and the other children, if any, of John Carr.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the chiefs and delegation of the Wyandot tribe of Indians, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 21) to authorize the President to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandots and Delawares, for the purchase of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians.

The joint resolution was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Joel M. Smith, reported a bill (S. 139) making compensation to pension agents: which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 32) for the relief of George D. Spencer, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dickinson submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 38) to authorize an increase of the rank and file of the army of the United States, reported it with an amendment: which was read.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted, in compliance with an order of the Senate of the 25th instant, a communication from Commodores Morris, Warrington, Crane, and Shubrick, to the Secretary of the Navy, relative to the present state of the naval force, and to the expediency of increasing the same, with estimates of the cost thereof: which was ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 179) to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill last mentioned, from the House of Representatives, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 132) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase of American water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 132) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 132) entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase of American water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. John M. Clayton the 3d instant, relative to a correspondence on the subject of Oregon: and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Cass,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 31, 1846.

Mr. Speight presented the petition of Abram Adams, praying permission to relocate a military bounty land warrant issued for his services in the last war between the United States and Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Semple presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the establishment of a national armory and foundery at Fort Massac, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Corwin presented a petition of citizens of Warren county, Ohio, praying the establishment of a mail route from Lebanon to Wilmington, and the discontinuance of the route between Waynesville and Wilmington, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dayton presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of New Jersey, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for removing obstructions to the navigation of the Delaware river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Jonathan Smith, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of citizens of Oneida county, New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the construction of the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 140) for giving effect to the eighth article of the treaty with Spain: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

The bill (S. 122) to authorize the justices of the county court of Bates county, in the State of Missouri, to enter a certain quarter section of land for a county seat, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 30th instant, the enrolled bill (S. 132) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase of American water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Bagby the 17th instant, to change the hour for the daily meeting of the Senate: and having been amended,

On the question to agree thereto, as follows:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, the Senate will meet at eleven o'clock, a. m.:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13
{ Nays, ... 31

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Bright, Dickinson, Fairfield, Houston, Jenness, Niles, Rusk, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pennybacker, Phelps, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the resolution was disagreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Breese the 17th instant, relative to the completion, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, of certain maps in the room of the Committee on Public Lands: and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion,

Mr. Jarnagin was excused from serving on the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made agreeably to law, showing the clerks, messengers, and other persons, employed in the Department of State during the year 1845, and the sum paid to each: which was read.

Mr. Hannegan presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, remonstrating against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Bagby submitted additional documents relating to the petition of Jacob Housman: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the establishment of a naval depot at Erie, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of military posts along the route between the western frontier of that State and the Territory of Oregon: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Wayne county, New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Pearce presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the erection of a beacon-light at the mouth of the harbor of Annapolis, in that State.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Pearce presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the enactment of a law making the bridges across the eastern branch of the Potomac river, in the District of Columbia, free of toll.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a petition of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, praying that steel may be admitted into the ports of the United States free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to endeavor to procure a repeal of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the placing of a light-boat at the mouth of the Patapsco river, and buoys at the mouth of the Wicomico river.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the erection of fortifications on Soller's Point flats, in the harbor of Baltimore; and urging upon Congress the propriety of liberal appropriations for fortifications in the Chesapeake bay.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Cortland county, New

ork, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to thro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield submitted the following resolution; which was considered, y unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire to the expediency of granting a pension to Hannah Severance for the ilitary services of her husband in the war of the Revolution.

Mr. Fairfield submitted documents relating to the claim of Hannah everance to a pension: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution for conderation:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of a compilation of the pension laws ow in force, printed by order of the House of Representatives, under their der of the 31st January, 1846, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution: and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was ferred the memorial of James P. Espy, reported the following resolution; hich was read:

Resolved, That Professor J. P. Espy be authorized to construct one of s patent ventilators, and apply the same to the Senate chamber, and that e cost and expense thereof be paid by the Secretary out of the contint fund, provided that the same do not exceed two hundred and fifty llars.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the rther consideration of the petition of Mary Ripley, widow of Jeremiah ipley.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the rther consideration of the petition of the representatives of Cornelius akley.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the tition of Joanna Quicey, submitted an adverse report: which was ordred to be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted a report, companied by a bill (S. 141) to change the distribution of duties among e naval bureaus.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, in compliance with order of the Senate of the 25th instant, submitted a communication om the Secretary of the Navy, relative to the present state of the naval rce, and to the expediency of increasing the same: which was ordered be printed.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That James Buchanan have leave to withdraw his petition nd papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr.

Yulee the 16th March, relative to the general expenditures of the government since the year 1796: and,

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Dix the 19th March, relative to the harbors between Erie and Buffalo, on lake Erie; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, the 24th March, to refer certain resolutions of the legislature of Louisiana to the Secretary of War; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Yulee the 25th March, relative to the right of Florida to a share of the surplus revenue distributed to the several States; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Ashley the 25th March, relative to the petitions for the establishment of post offices, or the appointment of postmasters; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of Philip Pearce: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That a member be added to the Committee on Private Land Claims; and that the appointment be made by the Vice President: and

Mr. Rusk was accordingly appointed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 2, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with the request of a delegation of the Tonawanda band of the Seneca Indians, now in this city, I herewith transmit for your consideration a memorial addressed to the President and the Senate, in relation to the treaty of January 15, 1838, with the "Six Nations of New York Indians," and that of May 20, 1842, with the "Seneca nation of Indians."

JAMES K. POLK.

Washington, *April* 1, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That the message and the accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and printed.

Mr. Speight having been, on his motion, excused from serving on the Committee on Military Affairs:

Ordered, That a member be appointed to supply the vacancy, and that the Vice President make the appointment: and

Mr. Houston was appointed.

Mr. Speight presented a petition of citizens of Mississippi, praying the erection of light-houses at Mississippi city and St. Joseph's island, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Barrow presented the petition of Bethiah Healy, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of a delegation of the Tonawanda band of Seneca Indians, praying that they may be exempted from the operation of the treaties of January, 1838, and May, 1842, between the United States and the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Greene presented the petition of the legal representative of Thomas Hughes, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Silvanus Smith, executor of Judah Alden, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the resolution in favor of the widow of Edward Dyer, late sergeant-at-arms, be so construed as to make the same allowance as that made to the widow of Samuel Haight, late sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Bronson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 142) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of Simon Summers: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be denied.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported the 1st instant by the Committee on Public Buildings, relative to the ventilation of the Senate chamber: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 3, 1846.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 1) to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer and disbursement of the public revenue: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bill (H. R. 1) from the House of Representatives was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented four petitions of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Calhoun presented the petition of Peter Von Schmidt, praying the adoption, for the use of the navy, of a plan invented by him, for carrying ships of war, or other vessels, over bars and shoals: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Peter Frost, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Atherton presented the petition of the heirs of John Morrison, deceased, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained in consequence of the depreciation of the continental currency: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of Michael Hanson, formerly a seaman in the naval service of the United States, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, praying that provision may be made by law for the enforcement of proper medical attendance on board of emigrant ships arriving in the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the resolution of the legislature of the State of Maryland, presented the 1st instant, relative to the establishment of free bridges across the eastern branch of the Potomac, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia; and that the resolution relative to the erection of a beacon light at the mouth of the harbor of Annapolis, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the resolution of the legislature of the State of Maryland, presented the 1st instant, relative to the placing of a light-boat in the Patapsco river, and buoys in the Wicomico river, be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that the resolutions relative to fortifications in the harbor of Baltimore and the Chesapeake bay, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 54) for the relief of Smith, Thurgar, and Company, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 56) for the relief of John G. Pierie, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pennybacker also submitted a report on the subject.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 131) for the relief of Adam McCulloch, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pennybacker also submitted a report on the subject.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom were referred certain memorials from individuals, resolutions of the legislature of the State of New Jersey, and a report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject, reported a bill (S. 143) to repeal the act of the 2d of March, 1837, entitled "An act concerning pilots:" which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of G. D. Duvall, submitted an adverse report: which was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs the 3d March, on the memorial of Samuel H. Thompson; and the report was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of the representatives of John Fulford, deceased: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of the executor of Henry Tatum, deceased: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of Sally Bass, daughter of Charles Pasteur, deceased: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of John Campbell, deceased: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Cary H. Seely: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Mary D. Wade: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on the Judiciary the 17th March, on the memorials of the members of the bar of New Jersey and Philadelphia, respecting the salary which would have been payable to Judge Baldwin; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the memorial of Elizabeth Sevier: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Eli Hinds: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Jemima Flood, widow of the late Henry Flood: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Military Affairs on the memorial of officers of the army of the United States at Corpus Christi, in relation to staff rank and brevet rank: and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs the 19th March, on the petition of J. Melville Gillis; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Private Land Claims on the petition of the heirs-at-law of Erastus Brown: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of Beebe Wadhams, executor of Abigail Wadhams: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of the heirs of Thomas Jett, deceased: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of Simon Hubbard: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on the Judiciary the 25th March, on the memorial of Charles Stearns; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of the mechanics at the Washington navy yard: and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of Willis Wilson and William Wilson, grandsons of Willis Wilson, deceased: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be denied.

The bill (S. 141) to change the distribution of duties among the naval bureaus, was read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith a report from the acting Secretary of State, with accompanying papers, in answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 23d ultimo, requesting the President to communicate to that body, "if not in-

compatible with public interests, any correspondence which took place between the government of the United States and that of Great Britain, on the subject of the northeastern boundary, between the 20th of June, 1840, and the 4th of March, 1841."

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *April* 3, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That the message and accompanying documents be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Wayne county, New York, against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Orleans county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Cortland county, New York, against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of George W. Whitten, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Benjamin Harris, praying the right of pre-emption to a tract of land in Illinois.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the petition of John Cocke, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Hoggatt, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 144) for the relief of Nathaniel Hoggatt.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Walton, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 145) for the relief of George W. Walton.

The bill was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred

the petition of Calvin Read, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 146) for the relief of Calvin Read: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Butler, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate, to whom was referred the resolution submitted the 23d March, relative to the employment of J. G. Schott as a messenger, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of the representative of Major John Brooks: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

On motion, Mr. Ashley had leave to withdraw the resolution submitted the 17th March, respecting the appropriation of every Friday to the consideration of the bills and resolutions on the general orders.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion for printing an additional number of the report of the Commissioner of Patents: and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and;

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Webster,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, April 6, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 1st instant, on the relative capabilities of the harbors between Erie and Buffalo, on lake Erie, of being made ports of refuge: which was read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of Johnson, Courtis, and Company, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been improperly exacted of them by the collector of the port of Boston: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented four petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for abolishing slavery in the United States.

A motion was made that the petitions be received: and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Lewis presented the memorial of James T. Barclay, proposing a plan for preventing fraudulent reductions in the coinage, and its depreciation by abrasion: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of the State of New York, against the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Orleans county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Huntington presented the memorial of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, praying the publication by Congress of an increased number of the scientific works of the exploring expedition: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 80) to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of land lying within the limits of that district which are not now attached to any district, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Harriet Ward, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 147) for the relief of Harriet Ward.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The bill (S. 141) to change the distribution of duties among the naval bureaus, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 7, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 1st instant, on the subject of the defences of the city of New Orleans: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed.

Mr. Cass presented a petition of C. H. Gratiot and other citizens of the United States, praying the removal of Stewart's rock, in lake Superior, and the establishment of a light, or a self-acting bell, where it stands: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the heir of Frederick Seigle have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire

into the expediency of making an appropriation to remove obstructions to the navigation of the river Sabine.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (S. 148) establishing certain post routes, and for other purposes: which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Stalker and Hill, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 149) for the relief of Stalker and Hill.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the memorial of William H. Thomas: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the memorial of William H. Thomas: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the memorialist is not entitled to any compensation from the United States for supplies furnished by him to the Cherokee Indians, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of William A. Duer, in behalf of himself and the other legal representatives of Major General William Alexander, Earl of Stirling: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialist be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Elizabeth Gassaway, widow of the late Captain John Gassaway: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 1846.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Alexander Wilson, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying arrears and increase of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Missouri relative to the removal of the land office at Palmyra.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of the administrator of William Tor-

ey, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented a memorial of merchants and others, citizens of Key West, Florida, praying the establishment of a United States district court at that place.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate any information in the possession of the government showing that complaints have been made by any of our vessels of having been searched by British cruisers since the Washington treaty of 1842; and, if so, the names of the vessels, together with the dates and places of such acts; and also, copies of any correspondence that may have passed between the two governments on the subject.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 141) to change the distribution of duties among the naval bureaus: and,

After debate,

On motion,

Ordered, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Reuben Mills, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Deliverance Slasson, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Abigail Reeves, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 65) authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis, reported it with an amendment; and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Samuel Knight, junior: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Eli Hobbs, administrator of George Hobbs: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Orlando S. Rees: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the petition of Mary B. Hook: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of William W. Hall: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Joanna Quincy: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of G. D. Duvall: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Robert Butler: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That in the case of Robert Butler, who asks for compensation for his property alleged to have been taken for public uses, the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted the 3d instant by Mr. John M. Clayton, calling for any recent correspondence on the subject of the Oregon Territory: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 9, 1846.

Mr. Corwin presented two petitions of citizens of Portage county, and a petition of citizens of Summit county, in the State of Ohio, praying the establishment of a mail route from Warren to Hudson, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dickinson presented a remonstrance of citizens of Oneida county, New York, against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented four petitions of female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for abolishing slavery in the United States.

A motion was made that the petitions be received: and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Atchison submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to contract with Charles Preuss, the assistant of Captain Frémont in his expeditions to the Rocky mountains, Oregon, and North California, for compiling a topographical map of the travelling route from the mouth of the Kansas, on

the frontier of Missouri, to the main Columbia river, where the emigrants usually embark on the river and descend by water to the lower Columbia; the said map to be compiled from the original notes, journals, and sketches of Captain Frémont and his assistant, Charles Preuss, taken in the field and from actual observation, in addition to the usual topography of the country over which the route passes; also the latitude and longitude of remarkable places; the elevations of the country above the level of the gulf of Mexico, by the barometer, at certain distances; the temperature of the air by the thermometer at sunrise and noon of each day; the state of the weather and the course of the winds also at sunrise and noon of each day; also to show every night encampment and every noonday halt, with the wood, water, grass, hills, mountains, prairies, rivers, creeks, branches, springs, lakes, pools, and ponds crossed over or seen in the expedition; the whole to be correctly laid down from positive observations by the eye or instruments; and also that the said Secretary be authorized to contract with a competent person for lithographing the same.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the petition of William B. Slaughter, reported a bill (S. 150) to provide for the settlement of the accounts of William B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin: which was read, and passed to a second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 141) to change the distribution of duties among the naval bureaus: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted the 3d instant by Mr. John M. Clayton, calling for any recent correspondence on the subject of the Oregon Territory: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 10, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented a remonstrance of citizens of Cortland county, New York, against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented a memorial of the representatives of the Religious Society of Friends for the States of New York, Vermont, and

Michigan, praying the adoption of measures for the peaceable adjustment of international difficulties.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Webster presented the petition of Ziba Baker, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of the publishers of American reprints of foreign periodical works, praying that the duty on foreign periodicals when in the course of publication in the United States may not be increased: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Bryan Mullanphy and Samuel Hawken, citizens of St. Louis, Missouri, praying an extension of the laws of the United States over the Oregon Territory to the latitude of 54° 40′.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the chamber of commerce of New York, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Willis J. Spann and others, citizens of Marion county, Florida, representing the injury they would sustain by the passage of the bill now before the Senate for the relief of Benjamin Chaires and others, and praying that the same may not become a law: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix submitted additional documents relating to the claim of Sally Rockwood.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed, together with the documents on file relating to her claim.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to inform the Senate whether any claims for French spoliations before 1800 were presented for allowance before the commissioners sitting under the treaty with France of 1831; and if so, whether it appears from the report of the said commissioners that any such claims were allowed.

Mr. Webster submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, all correspondence between the government of the United States and that of Great Britain, in the years eighteen hundred and forty, eighteen hundred and forty-one, eighteen hundred and forty-two, and eighteen hundred and forty-three, respecting the right or practice of visiting, or searching, merchant vessels in time of peace.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be furnished to the Senate an account of all payments made on President's certificates, from the fund appropriated by law for the contingent expenses of foreign intercourse, since the 4th of March, 1825, to this time, with copies of all entries, receipts, letters, vouchers, memorandums, or other evidence of such payments, to whom paid, and for what; including the sum of thirty thousand dollars "for contingent expenses of all the missions abroad," now proposed to be provided for by the bill now before the Senate entitled "An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for certain

objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six;" but no document or matter is requested by this resolution to be furnished, which, in the opinion of the President, would improperly involve the citizen or subject of any foreign power.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 17) for the relief of Charles Benns, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pennybacker also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution on the subject, of the 9th March, reported a bill (S. 151) to confer upon the commissioners appointed under the "act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil cases depending in the courts of the United States," approved February 20, 1812, the power of inquiring into and binding over for certain offences against the United States: which was read, and passed to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Atchison the 9th instant, relative to a map of the route from Missouri to Oregon; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 86) for the relief of Joseph Chaires, executor of Benjamin Chaires, deceased, Gad Humphreys, and Pedro Miranda, claiming to be the assignees of Jose de la Maya Arredondo, of the State of Florida: and,

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Berrien asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 152) for the relief of Abraham B. Fanning: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Westcott, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Berrien, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Jenness, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Webster.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Upham,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 11, 1846.

Mr. Dickinson presented a remonstrance of citizens of Oneida county, New York, against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That the memorial of the heirs of James Bell, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a mail route from Independence, in that State, to the Oregon Territory: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Bennington, New York, praying that Zebulon Meade, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, may be placed upon the pension roll: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, in addition to the correspondence requested by the resolution adopted yesterday, copies of all the correspondence with the Secretary of State, (if not incompatible with the public interest,) in the years 1840, 1841, 1842, and 1843, touching the right or practice of visiting or searching merchant vessels in time of peace.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire whether further legislation is necessary to apply the present surplus revenue, and what may hereafter accrue, to the redemption of the public debt at an earlier period than can be done by existing laws.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, communicated to the Senate the 21st of March, 1842, in relation to the proceedings of the commissioner for running the boundary between the United States and Texas, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the representative of Francis Vigo, deceased, made an adverse report thereon: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of the representatives of Samuel Beach, Christopher Delazenne, Benjamin Durkee, and Benjamin Van Valkenburg, submitted an adverse report thereon: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Jones and Boker and others, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 153) for the relief of Jones and Boker.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate, relative to certain changes in the Senate chamber: and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion for printing an additional number of the report of the Commissioner of Patents: and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday, the 14th instant.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. John M. Clayton the 3d of March, calling for any recent correspondence on the subject of the Oregon Territory: and,

On the question to agree thereto:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 17

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

So the resolution was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 29) to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon, with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment: and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 38) to authorize an increase of the rank and file of the army of the United States: and

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, April 13, 1846.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of 620 citizens of Missouri, praying that Havannah, in Andrew county, in that State, may be made the eastern terminus of the mail route to Oregon.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented two remonstrances of citizens of New York, against the extension of a patent to Jethro Wood for an improvement in ploughs.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Corwin presented a remonstrance of citizens of Ohio against the extension of a patent to Jethro Wood for an improvement in ploughs.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented five memorials of citizens of Louisiana, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Sabine river: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of the administrator of James Livingston, deceased, praying to be allowed commutation pay, with interest: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the memorial of the legislature of Mississippi, in favor of the enactment of a law for quieting titles to land in that State, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Isaac Barnes.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the delegates from the northern counties of Illinois.

Mr. Dix submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a portrait of the Baron Steuben.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to communicate to the Senate any proceeding or decision of the commissioners, sitting under the treaty of Paris, of 1831, by which any claims for spoliations on American commerce by the French, prior to the *ratification* of the convention of September 30, 1800, were rejected or disallowed by said commissioners, together with the reasons, if any, assigned by said commissioners therefor.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of William W. Hall, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 154) to grant to the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company a right of way through the public lands of the United States, and for other purposes.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Reuben Mills: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Deliverance Slasson: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Abigail Reeves: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 11th instant, calling for "copies of any correspondence that may have taken place between the authorities of the United States and those of Great Britain, since the last documents transmitted to Congress, in relation to the subject of the Oregon Territory, or so much thereof as may be communicated without detriment to the public interest," I have to state that no correspondence in relation to the Oregon Territory has taken place between the authorities of the United States and those of Great Britain since the date of the last documents on the subject transmitted by me to Congress.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *April* 13, 1846.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In my annual message of the 2d of December last, it was stated that serious difficulties of long standing continued to distract the several parties into which the Cherokee tribe of Indians is unhappily divided; that all the efforts of the government to adjust these difficulties had proved to be unsuccessful, and would probably remain so, without the aid of further legislation by Congress. Subsequent events have confirmed this opinion.

I communicate herewith, for the information of Congress, a report of the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with accompanying documents; together with memorials which have been received from the several bands, or parties, of the Cherokees themselves. It will be perceived that internal feuds still exist, which call for the prompt intervention of the government of the United States.

Since the meeting of Congress, several unprovoked murders have been committed by the stronger upon the weaker party of the tribe, which will probably remain unpunished by the Indian authorities, and there is reason to apprehend that similar outrages will continue to be perpetrated, unless restrained by the authorities of the United States.

Many of the weaker party have been compelled to seek refuge beyond the limits of the Indian country and within the State of Arkansas, and are destitute of the means for their daily subsistence. The military forces of the United States stationed on the western frontier have been active in their exertions to suppress these outrages, and to execute the treaty of 1835, by which it is stipulated that "the United States agree to protect the Cherokee nation from domestic strife and foreign enemies, and against intestine wars between the several tribes."

These exertions of the army have proved to a great extent unavailing, for the reasons stated in the accompanying documents, including communications from the officer commanding at Fort Gibson.

I submit for the consideration of Congress the propriety of making such amendments of the laws regulating intercourse with the Indian tribes as will subject to trial and punishment, in the courts of the United States, all Indians guilty of murder, and such other felonies as may be designated, when committed on other Indians within the jurisdiction of the United States.

Such a modification of the existing laws is suggested, because, if offenders against the laws of humanity in the Indian country are left to be punished by Indian laws, they will generally, if not always, be permitted to escape with impunity. This has been the case in repeated instances among the Cherokees. For years, unprovoked murders have been committed, and yet no effort has been made to bring the offenders to punishment. Should this state of things continue, it is not difficult to foresee that the weaker party will be finally destroyed. As the guardian of the Indian tribes, the government of the United States is bound, by every consideration of duty and humanity, to interpose to prevent such a disaster.

From the examination which I have made into the actual state of things in the Cherokee nation, I am satisfied that there is no probability that the different bands or parties into which it is divided can ever again live together in peace and harmony, and that the well-being of the whole requires that they should be separated and live under separate governments, as distinct tribes.

That portion who emigrated to the west of the Mississippi prior to the year 1819, commonly called the "Old Settlers," and that portion who made the treaty of 1835, known as the "Treaty party," it is believed would willingly unite, and could live together in harmony. The number of these, as nearly as can be estimated, is about one-third of the tribe. The whole number of all the bands or parties does not probably exceed twenty thousand. The country which they occupy embraces seven millions of acres of land, with the privilege of an outlet to the western limits of the United States. This country is susceptible of division, and is large enough for all.

I submit to Congress the propriety of either dividing the country which they at present occupy, or of providing by law a new home for the one or the other of the bands or parties now in hostile array against each other, as the most effectual, if not the only means of preserving the weaker party from massacre and total extermination. Should Congress favor the division of the country, as suggested, and the separation of the Cherokees into two distinct tribes, justice will require that the annuities and funds belonging to the whole, now held in trust for them by the United States, should be equitably distributed among the parties, according to their respective claims and numbers.

There is still a small number of the Cherokee tribe remaining within the State of North Carolina, who, according to the stipulations of the treaty of 1835, should have emigrated with their brethren to the west of the Mississippi. It is desirable that they should be removed; and, in the event of a division of the country in the west, or of a new home being provided for a portion of the tribe, that they be permitted to join either party, as they may prefer, and be incorporated with them.

I submit the whole subject to Congress, that such legislative measures may be adopted as will be just to all the parties or bands of the tribe.

Such measures, I am satisfied, are the only means of arresting the horrid and inhuman massacres which have marked the history of the Cherokees for the last few years, and especially for the last few months.

The Cherokees have been regarded as among the most enlightened of the Indian tribes; but experience has proved that they have not yet advanced to such a state of civilization as to dispense with the guardian care and control of the government of the United States.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *April* 13, 1846.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills:

H. R. 142. An act for the relief of Wiley B. Parnell, of Blount county, Alabama;

H. R. 154. An act for the relief of Isabella Baldridge, widow of Captain John Baldridge;

H. R. 155. An act for the relief of Sampson Brown;

H. R. 181. An act for the relief of Langtry and Jenkins:

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bills from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 142 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bills numbered 154 and 155 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; and that the bill numbered 181 be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1846.

Mr. Chalmers presented a memorial of the legislature of Mississippi, in favor of the passage of a law to confirm and regulate pre-emption claims.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Elizabeth Byars, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of John D. Wyatt, praying permission to locate a quantity of land, in lieu of that for which he had obtained a patent, but which had been previously granted by treaty to certain Indian claimants: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Ashley presented the petition of Leroy P. Evans, of Conway coun-

into the expediency of making an appropriation to remove obstructions to the navigation of the river Sabine.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (S. 148) establishing certain post routes, and for other purposes: which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Stalker and Hill, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 149) for the relief of Stalker and Hill.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the memorial of William H. Thomas: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the memorial of William H. Thomas: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the memorialist is not entitled to any compensation from the United States for supplies furnished by him to the Cherokee Indians, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of William A. Duer, in behalf of himself and the other legal representatives of Major General William Alexander, Earl of Stirling: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialist be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Elizabeth Gassaway, widow of the late Captain John Gassaway: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 1846.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Alexander Wilson, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying arrears and increase of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Missouri relative to the removal of the land office at Palmyra.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of the administrator of William For-

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, accompanied by fifty-six copies of the Army Register: which was read.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, praying the publication of an additional number of copies of the works of the exploring expedition, and that a copy may be presented to each of the learned institutions of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of ship-owners, ship-masters, and others, interested in the commerce of the port of New York, praying that the pilot law of 1837 may not be repealed.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of a convention of citizens of Genesee county, New York, praying that measures may be taken to prevent the execution of the treaties of 1838 and 1842 with the Tonawanda Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Senate meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, a. m.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That Anna Maria Baldwin have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Priscilla Green, and from the further consideration of the petition of Martha Moore.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 154. An act for the relief of Isabella Baldridge, widow of Captain John Baldridge;

H. R. 155. An act for the relief of Sampson Brown;

reported them without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of John Keith, of New York, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 155) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Haywood submitted a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Committee on Commerce, in relation to duties heretofore collected upon wines imported from Portugal contrary to the treaty between the United States and Portugal, together with a correspondence between

the minister of Portugal and the Secretary of State of the United States: and,

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Ordered, That the said communication, with the accompanying papers, be referred to the Committee on Finance, to inquire into the propriety of providing by law for refunding to the persons entitled the excess of duties unlawfully collected by the officers of the United States; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 179) to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1846, together with the amendments reported thereto: and the reported amendments having been, in part, agreed to:

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 1) advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 16, 1846.

Mr. Breese presented a memorial of citizens of Washington county, District of Columbia, praying that a law may be passed for the punishment of trespasses on farms, gardens, and enclosures, within the county: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, praying a modification of the patent laws: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of persons engaged in literary and scientific pursuits, and in the importation and publication of books, praying the repeal of the duty imposed on certain scientific works imported into the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the second article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 5) of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of the 6th of

August, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony mountains, commonly called Oregon.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

To amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "assembled," in the second line, and, in lieu thereof, inserting:

"That by the convention concluded the twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred and eighteen, between the United States of America and the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the period of ten years, and afterwards indefinitely extended and continued in force by another convention of the same parties, concluded the sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, it was agreed that any country that may be claimed by either party on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony or Rocky mountains, now commonly called the Oregon Territory, should, together with its harbors, bays, and creeks, and the navigation of all rivers within the same, be 'free and open' to the vessels, citizens, and subjects of the two powers, but without prejudice to any claim which either of the parties might have to any part of said country; and with this further provision, in the second article of the said convention of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, that either party might abrogate and annul said convention, on giving due notice of twelve months to the other contracting party: that it has now become desirable that the respective claims of the United States and Great Britain should be definitely settled, and that said Territory may no longer than need be remain subject to the evil consequences of the divided allegiance of its American and British population, and of the confusion and conflict of national jurisdictions, dangerous to the cherished peace and good understanding of the two countries; and, therefore, that steps be taken for the abrogation of the said convention of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, in the mode prescribed in its second article, and that the attention of the governments of both countries may be the more earnestly and immediately directed to renewed efforts for the amicable settlement of all their differences and disputes in respect to said Territory:

"SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, at his discretion, to give to the British government the notice required by its said second article for the abrogation of the said convention of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven."

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out after the word "has," in the second clause, the following words: "become desirable that the respective claims of the United States and Great Britain should be definitely settled, and that said Territory may no longer than need be remain subject to the evil consequences of the divided allegiance of its American and British population, and of the confusion and conflict of national jurisdictions, dangerous to the cherished peace and good understanding of the two countries; and, therefore, that steps be taken for the abrogation of said convention of the 6th of August, 1827, in the mode prescribed in its second article, and that the attention of the governments of both countries may be the more earnestly and immediately directed to renewed efforts for the amicable settlement of all their differences and disputes in respect to said Territory;" and, in lieu thereof, inserting: "*become the duty of Congress to consider what measures it may*

be proper to adopt for the security and protection of our citizens, now inhabiting, or who may hereafter inhabit, Oregon, and for the maintenance of our just title to that Territory."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 32

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

So the amendment proposed to the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Breese, to amend the resolution, sec. 2, line 4, by striking out the words "at his discretion;"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 32

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the amendment proposed to the amendment was disagreed to.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 30 / Nays, ... 24

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

So the amendment was agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate, as amended.

On the question to concur in the amendment,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question, Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 40 / Nays, ... 14

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Breese, Bright, Cass, Thomas Clayton, Dickinson, Evans, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Semple, Sturgeon, Westcott.

So it was

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time.

The amendment to the said resolution having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the resolution was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, April 20, 1846.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Samuel Hartwell, representative of Edward Hartwell, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bagby presented the petition of Abraham P. Housman, administrator of Jacob Housman, deceased, praying the reimbursement of advances made for the public service during the Florida war: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sevier submitted a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, communicating information in relation to difficulties existing in the Cherokee nation of Indians: which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier submitted documents showing the appropriation required to carry into effect the treaty with the Kanzas Indians, and to negotiate a treaty with the Chippewa, Ottowa, and Pottawatomie Indians: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented three petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Erie, New York, praying that the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians, may not be abrogated: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of Susan McCulloch, widow of a deceased naval officer, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Webster presented the petition of Thomas Blanchard, praying an extension of his patent for a self-directing turning machine: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying the abrogation of the treaties of December, 1838, and May, 1842, with the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dix submitted additional documents relating to the petition of Jacob B. Clark: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, also a petition of citizens of Erie county, New York, against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of the New York Historical Society, praying that books and scientific apparatus imported for the use of philosophical and literary institutions may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of New York, praying that the bill (H. R. 1) to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, may not become a law: which was referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of citizens of New York, praying the repeal of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dix presented twenty memorials of citizens of New York, praying the repeal of the act of the 2d of March, 1837, concerning pilots.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of Maria Maxwell, daughter and executrix of James Maxwell, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Crittenden presented the petition of the legal representative of William Grayson, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That Alexander Coleman and Jacques Bon have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate a list of all such lands as had been confirmed to John Rice Jones, deceased, by the governors of the Northwestern and Indiana

Territories, and which were afterwards rejected by the commissioners appointed in pursuance of the act of the 20th of February, 1812, for the purpose of inquiring into the validity of claims confirmed by said governors.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the propriety of authorizing the legal representatives of John Rice Jones, deceased, to locate certain lands confirmed to him by the governors of the Northwest and Indiana Territories.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I herewith transmit to the Senate, in answer to their resolution of the 8th instant, a report from the Secretary of State, with accompanying papers, containing the information and correspondence referred to in that resolution, relative to the search of American vessels by British cruisers subsequent to the date of the treaty of Washington.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *April* 20, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 156) for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Semple, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate respecting the transportation of the United States mail across the isthmus of Panama, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 157) to provide for the transportation of the United States mail across the isthmus of Panama.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 36) for the relief of David F. Williamson, of Pope county, State of Arkansas.

The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 3. An act to amend an act approved February 24, 1843, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the relief of George Mayfield,' approved July 27, 1842;"

H. R. 94. An act for the relief of James Hillman;

H. R. 96. An act for the relief of the heirs of William Evans;

H. R. 123. An act for the relief of Samuel Jorden;

H. R. 182. An act for the relief of John R. Williams;

H. R. 190. An act for the relief of Charles M. McKenzie;

H. R. 7. An act to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory

of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They agree to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. R. 5) of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of the 6th of August, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony mountains, commonly called Oregon, with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bills from the House of Representatives numbered 3, 94, 96, 123, 182, and 190, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 3 be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims; that the bills numbered 94, 96, 123, be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bill numbered 182 be referred to the Committee of Claims; and that the bill numbered 190 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes, was read.

Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. R. 5) of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of the 6th of August, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony mountains, commonly called Oregon.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

That the Senate agree to the said amendment, viz: After the word "earnestly," in the 57th line of the amendment of the Senate, strike out to the end of the said amendment, and insert, in lieu thereof, the following: "directed to the importance of a speedy adjustment of all their differences and disputes in respect to said Territory."

"Sec. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the President of the United States is authorized and requested to give to the British government the notice required by its said second article for the abrogation of the said convention of the 6th of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 29

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion reported by Mr. neron, from the Committee on Patents, for printing sixty thousand ies of the report of the Commissioner of Patents, with the amendment orted thereto by the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Sevier, to amend the reported amendment by striking "twenty-five thousand copies," and inserting "five thousand copies:"

t was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 31

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, Critten-, Evans, Fairfield, Haywood, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Niles, nybacker, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Barrow, Berrien, Breese, ght, Cameron, Cass, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dickinson, Dix, ene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, nson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, nam, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Mangum, to amend the reported amendment by ing out "twenty-five thousand copies," and inserting "fifteen thou-l copies:"

: was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Critten-, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Haywood, Jarnagin, Lewis, McDuffie, Man-n, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, neron, Cass, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dickinson, Greene, Houston, ntington, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mil Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Wood-ge.

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the reported amendment by striking "twenty-five thousand copies," and inserting "ten thousand copies:"

t was determined in the negative.

The reported amendment was then agreed to: and,

On the question to agree to the motion as amended,

t was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Ordered, That twenty-five thousand copies of the report of the Comsioner on Patents, without the list of patents, be printed for the use of Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration he bill (H. R. 179) to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for cer-objects made for the service of the year 1847, and for other purposes:

and, having agreed to the amendments reported by the committee, and the bill being further amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The bill was read a third time as amended, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 21, 1846.

Mr. Sevier presented the memorial of Samuel W. Bell, praying compensation for his services in aiding in the negotiation of a treaty with the Seminole Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented a memorial of sachems, chiefs, and warriors, of the Tonawanda band of the Seneca Indians, praying to be exempted from the operation of the treaties of January, 1838, and May, 1842, between the United States and the Seneca nation: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Isaac Davenport, representative of Joseph Davenport, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Fairfield presented a petition of citizens of Danville, Maine, praying that the fishing bounties and allowances allowed by law to vessels employed in the codfisheries may not be discontinued.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the adoption of measures for the protection of American vessels trading with the port of Buenos Ayres, against seizure and condemnation under the blockade of that port by the British and French forces: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Corwin presented two petitions of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Benton presented two petitions of officers of the army, praying the establishment of a military asylum for the support of invalid soldiers of the army of the United States: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying a revision of the naturalization laws: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to the Senate such information, not heretofore communicated, relative to the condition of the mineral regions in the lake Superior country, relative to the progress made by individuals, or associated companies of individual adventurers,

opening and working the copper or other mines there; and especially
e report or reports of any agent or agents employed by the War Depart-
ent in those regions, if any such have been made to the said department,
t heretofore communicated to the Senate.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was con-
lered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the
nate such information, not heretofore communicated, relative to the
aracter and actual condition of the mineral regions, in the lake Superior
ntry, within the State of Michigan and the Territory of Wisconsin, as
y remain in the Treasury Department, and especially the reports sup-
sed to have been recently made to the General Land Office, of the min-
l surveys undertaken by the late Doctor Houghton.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to transmit to the
nate the proceedings of a court of inquiry, of which Brigadier General
ool was president, lately held at Springfield, Massachusetts, to inquire
o certain charges against Major J. W. Ripley, superintendent of the
nory at that place, together with all the testimony and proofs taken by
d court.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their
erk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amend-
ent to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. R. 5) of
tice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between
eat Britain and the United States of the 6th of August, 1827, relative to
e country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Rocky
ountains. They ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two
uses, and have appointed Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, Mr. Owen, and
r. Hilliard, managers to conduct the said conference on their part.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred
e bill (S. 152) for the relief of Abraham B. Fanning, reported it without
endment.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom
as referred the memorial of Edward Bolen, reported a bill (S. 158) for
s relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained
ave to bring in a bill (S. 159) confirming the claim of the heirs and legal
presentatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land: which was read the
st and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Com-
ittee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and
und duly enrolled the bill (S. 36) for the relief of David F. Williamson,
Pope county, State of Arkansas.

The bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue
om imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on
ports, and for other purposes," was read the second time, and considered
in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and
ade the order of the day for, Monday, the 11th of May next.

The bill (S. 131) for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal repre-

sentatives of Isaac Green, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. R. 5) of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of the 6th of August, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Rocky mountains, with the resolution of the House of Representatives, asking a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Allen, that the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendment to the said resolution:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 31

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the conference, asked by the House of Representatives, on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the committee of conference consist of three members, to be appointed by ballot: and

Mr. Berrien, Mr. Corwin, and Mr. Haywood, were accordingly appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Territories.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion by Mr. Breese, to reconsider the vote referring the bill last mentioned to the Committee on Territories:

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1846.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of ship-owners, ship-masters, and others, citizens of Philadelphia, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of members of the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, praying that the duties on imported boots and shoes may not be reduced: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, in favor of the establishment of a national foundery at Port Richmond, in the county of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Savannah, Missouri, praying an alteration of the mail route from Savannah to Liberty, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the papers which the President of the United States is requested to communicate to the Senate by its resolution of the 11th instant, in addition to the correspondence requested by its resolution of the 10th, are to be understood as comprehending no more than the protest addressed by the minister of the United States at Paris, in the year 1842, against the concurrence of France in the quintuple treaty, together with all correspondence relating thereto.

Mr. Evans submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of surveyor at the port of Eastport, Maine.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill (S. 160) to establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of Charleston: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Larrabee, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Ray Tompkins, reported a bill (S. 161) for the relief of Ray Tompkins and other children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a memorial of the legislature of Alabama, in relation to the reserved lands in the St. Stephen's land district, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 162) to authorize the sale of certain reserved lands in the St. Stephen's land district, in the State of Alabama.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act of June 19, 1840, as to extend its provisions to the cases of persons entitled to pensions, but who

have died or shall die before these claims for pensions have been allowed, or shall be allowed, submitted a report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill (S. 163) to establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of New York: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Dix also submitted a report on the subject: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina, together with the amendment reported thereto; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, and no further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time as amended.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Jarnagin the 10th of April, in relation to payments made from the fund appropriated by law for the contingent expenses of foreign intercourse: and,

On the question to agree thereto:

It was determined in the negative, { Yea, ... 1 / Nays, ... 44

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Mr. Turney voted in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Thomas Clayton John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

The bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, 1801, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 23, 1846.

Mr. Pennybacker presented the memorial of the heirs of William Grayson, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the commutation pay to which their ancestor was entitled.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a petition of ship-owners, ship-masters, and others, citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Herkimer county, New York, remonstrating against the renewal of the patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a mail route from Gallatin, in Davis county, to St. Joseph's, in Buchanan county, and a mail route from Plattsburg, Clinton county, to Athens, Gentry county, in the State of Missouri: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the petition of Moses Meeker, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house at or near the mouth of the straits of Ste. Marie, at the upper extremity of lake Huron; also, at or near Point Wabeshance, in the straits of Michilimackinac, and the northern extremity of lake Michigan; also, at the head of Green bay, near the mouth of Fox river, in the Territory of Wisconsin; and of making appropriations therefor.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to transmit to the Senate the supplement to the synopsis of treasury instructions for the administration of the revenue laws from 1789 to the present time, purporting to illustrate the organization and the operations of the Treasury Department and its various bureaus; and that he accompany the same with his views in relation to the work.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies of the message of the President of the United States, respecting the Cherokee feuds, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton the 21st instant, relating to the proceedings of a court of inquiry in the case of Major J. W. Ripley: and the resolution was agreed to.

The amendment to the bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion by Mr. Breese, to reconsider the vote referring the bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, to the Committee on Territories: and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 36) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Watson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 164) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Berrien, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the joint resolution of the House of Representatives, entitled "Joint resolution of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of the 6th of August, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony mountains," reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after free and full conference upon the subject of said disagreeing votes, the joint conferees have unanimously agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to the respective houses as follows:

That the first section of the amendment of the Senate to the original resolution of the House be so amended as to be, in form, a preamble to the second section of the said amendment.

And that the Senate and House of Representatives respectively recede from their disagreements to the amendment, and amendment to the amendment of the original resolution of the House, and mutually agree to substitute therefor the following joint resolution:

JOINT RESOLUTION concerning the Oregon Territory.

Whereas by the convention concluded the twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred and eighteen, between the United States of America and the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the period of ten years, and afterwards indefinitely extended and continued in force by another convention of the same parties, concluded the sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, it was agreed that any country that may be claimed by either party on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony or Rocky mountains, now commonly called the Oregon Territory, should, together with its harbors, bays, and creeks, and the navigation of all rivers within the same, be "free and open" to the vessels, citizens, and subjects of the two powers, but without prejudice to any claim which either of the parties might have to any part of said country; and with this further provision, in the second article of the said convention of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, that either party might abrogate and annul said convention, on giving due notice of twelve months to the other contracting party.

And whereas it has now become desirable that the respective claims of the United States and Great Britain should be definitely settled, and that said Territory may, no longer than need be, remain subject to the evil consequences of the divided allegiance of its American and British population, and of the confusion and conflict of national jurisdiction, dangerous to the cherished peace and good understanding of the two countries.

With a view, therefore, that steps be taken for the abrogation of the said convention of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, in the mode prescribed in its second article, and that the attention of the governments of both countries may be the more earnestly directed to the adoption of all proper measures for a speedy and amicable adjustment of the differences and disputes in regard to the said Territory:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to give to the government of Great Britain the notice required by the second article of the said convention of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, for the abrogation of the same."

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the said report.

On motion by Mr. Berrien, that the Senate agree to the report of the committee of conference, and that the resolution of the House of Representatives be amended accordingly:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 42 / Nays, ... 10

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dix, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Breese, Bright, Cass, Dickinson, Fairfield, Jenness, Semple, Westcott.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the report of the committee of conference, and that the joint resolution of the House of Representatives be amended accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 131) for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green: and,

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur with the Senate in agreeing to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the joint resolution of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of the 6th of August, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America, westward of the Stony mountains, commonly called Oregon, and that the joint resolution of the House be amended accordingly.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (H. R. 5) concerning the Oregon Territory.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, 1801: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to claims for spoliations on American commerce by the French prior to the ratification of the convention of September 30, 1800, rejected or allowed by the commissioners under that convention: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, approving the recommendations of the Executive and the action of Congress in relation to the Territory of Oregon, and in favor of increasing the national defences.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The Vice President presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Philadelphia, recommending the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the controversy between the United States and Great Britain relative to the Territory of Oregon, and in favor of increasing the national defences.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of William A. Howard, an officer in the revenue service, praying to be allowed the pay of an officer in the navy during the period he was required to act in the naval service: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Alexis Ayot, praying a pension in consideration of an injury received while serving under Captain Frémont in his expedition to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Mary G. Clitz, widow of a deceased officer in the army, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield presented five petitions of citizens of Maine, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Yulee presented the memorial of John J. Sanchez, administrator of Francis R. Sanchez, deceased, praying compensation for property in Florida destroyed by the troops of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cass submitted documents relating to the claim of Louis Chapperton to compensation for produce taken from his farm in the year 1814 by a company of militia: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of Margaret Heyland, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of Samuel Knapp, a revolutionary soldier, praying to be allowed arrears of pay and a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying the establishment of a national foundery at Port Richmond: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Westcott presented the memorial of James P. Roan, praying a grant of land on account of his actual settlement, pursuant to the act of May 26, 1824, granting land to certain settlers in Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sevier presented the petition of Thomas E. Wilson, praying to be released from the payment of a judgment obtained by the United States against him as one of the sureties of John P. Davis, late assistant quartermaster in the United States army: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith the information called for by a resolution of the Senate of the 3d December last, relating to "claims arising under the fourteenth article of the treaty of Dancing Rabbit creek" with the Choctaw tribe of Indians, concluded in September, 1830.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *April* 27, 1846.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Sevier the 23d instant, in relation to a supplement to a synopsis of instructions for the administration of the revenue laws: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 190) for the relief of Charles M. McKenzie, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Greene, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Crocker Sampson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 165) for their relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Greene, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Ruth Ransom, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 166) for the relief of Asenath Canney.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 22) authorizing the employment of Hiram Powers to execute certain statues for the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Pearce also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the several petitions of the representatives of Samuel Beach, Christopher Delazenne, Benjamin Durkee, and Benjamin Van Valkenburg: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the acceptance of the pension granted by the act of May 15, 1828, by any officer entitled to commutation pay under the resolve of March 22, 1783, is, of itself, a satisfaction of the half pay promised by the resolves of October 3 and 21, 1780, and a bar to all claim to the commutation of five years' full pay proffered by the resolve of March 22, 1783; and

that the petitions of the representatives of Samuel Beach, of Christopher Delazenne, of Benjamin Durkee, and of Benjamin Van Valkenburg, be severally rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of the representatives of Francis Vigo: and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Charles Larrabee: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the subject of extending the provisions of the pension act of June 19, 1840, to certain cases: and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Breese, by unanimous consent, had leave to withdraw his motion made the 21st instant, to reconsider the vote on referring the bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 15. An act to exempt canal boats from the payment of fees and hospital money.

H. R. 93. An act to enable the Secretary of the Navy to purchase the right of using "Mix's patent manger stopper."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, (H. R. 5,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled resolution (H. R. 5) reported to have been examined the 23d instant.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 15 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that the bill numbered 93 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled resolution, (H. R. 5,) and the enrolled bill (S. 36) last reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, 1801: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 28, 1846.

Mr. Miller presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of New Jersey, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to prevent the repeal of the tariff act of 1842: which were referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Miller presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of New Jersey, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure the erection of a light-house on Tucker's beach, or Absecomb beach, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of citizens of St. Louis, Missouri, praying an extension of the laws of the United States over the Territory of Oregon to the latitude of 54° 40′, and an increase of the military and naval defences of the country.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Speight presented the petition of Joseph de la Francia, representative of Henry de la Francia, deceased, praying the payment of a judgment obtained against the agent of the convention of West Florida, for supplies of arms and ammunition for the use of the provincial government, prior to the acquisition of that Territory by the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of Philip Slaughter, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sevier submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of Thomas E. Wilson: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ashley presented the petition of Creed Taylor, praying to be released from a judgment obtained against him as surety for H. L. Edington, late postmaster at Napoleon, Arkansas: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Woodbridge presented three petitions of citizens of Michigan, praying the establishment of a post route from Shiawassee to Lyons, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying an appropriation for deepening the channel between lake Erie and the Detroit river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Evans submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of remitting to J. H. McLellan, owner of the American ship Byron, the additional tonnage duty charged upon said ship on her arrival from Odessa, in consequence of having a crew of foreign seamen.

Mr. Evans submitted documents relating to the claim of J. H. McLellan: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That Elijah White have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 27th instant, the bill (S. 36) for the relief of David F. Williamson, of Pope county, State of Arkansas.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 16) to authorize the settlement of an account of Joseph Nourse.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 167) for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain John Clitz, deceased: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the documents relating to the claim of Henry H. Marsh were referred, reported a bill (S. 168) for the relief of Henry H. Marsh, of Michigan: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William B. Keene, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 169) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Sevier the 23d instant, relating to a synopsis of treasury instructions: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Thursday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Turney the 28th January, to reconsider the vote on engrossing the bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States: and the motion was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, on its third reading, (S. 141) to change the distribution of duties among the naval bureaus: and,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, on its third reading, (S. 38) for the relief of Nathaniel Goddard and others.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Colquitt, Dickinson, Haywood, Jenness, Lewis, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A motion was made by Mr. Speight to reconsider the vote on the resolution reported by the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petitions of the representatives of Samuel Beach and others: and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1846.

ce President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of
ie in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, on the condition
neral region of lake Superior, and the progress which has been
individuals or associated companies in opening or working the
that region: which was read, and referred to the Committee on
nds.

wis presented the petition of John Devlin, praying compensation
es rendered as clerk in the office of the Fifth Auditor of the
: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

hley submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of
ylor: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office
Roads.

rrien presented the memorial of the Georgia Historical Society,
ne publication of an increased number of the scientific works of
ring expedition: which was referred to the Committee on the
nd ordered to be printed.

n motion by Mr. Huntington,

d, That Elisha Tracey have leave to withdraw his petition and

rehead submitted the following resolution; which was considered,
nous consent, and agreed to:

d, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to in-
the expediency of distributing copies of the American Archives,
nging to the government, among the historical societies, incorpo-
lic libraries, colleges, and universities in the United States.

wis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the
f Jacob B. Clarke, submitted an adverse report: which was
be printed.

wis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the
f Halstead, Harris, and Company, submitted a report, accompa-
a bill (S. 170) to refund to certain persons named therein an
duty exacted on the importation of foreign merchandise.

ll was read, and passed to the second reading.

d, That the report be printed.

chison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
on of Zebulon Mead, submitted an adverse report: which was
be printed.

chison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
n of Elizabeth Byers, submitted an adverse report: which was
be printed.

nson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom
nents relating to the claim of John Clark were referred, submitted
ccompanied by a bill (S. 171) granting a pension to John Clark.

ll was read, and passed to the second reading.

d, That the report be printed.

nson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom
red the petition of Sarah Little, submitted an adverse report:
s ordered to be printed.

nson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom
red the petition of Ruth Frye, submitted an adverse report: which
red to be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jarnagin asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 23) in regard to claims of citizens of the United States upon the republic of Mexico: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion made by Mr. Speight, to reconsider the vote on the resolution reported by the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the several petitions of the representatives of Samuel Beach and others: and the motion was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution: and,

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the engrossed bill (S. 141) to change the distribution of duties among the naval bureaus: and,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the bill by striking out, sec. 1, line 4, after the word "State," the following: "and for the reimbursement of expenses incurred"—

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 15

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Davis, Haywood, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Morehead, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Sevier, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and, in lieu thereof, inserting:

"*That there be granted to the State of Michigan a quantity of the public lands for purposes of internal improvement in said State, which shall, together with the amount said State has already received for such purposes, be equal in quantity to that already received by the State of Indiana for internal improvements, the selection of which quantity shall be made in the limits of said State, in such manner as the legislature of said State shall designate; and located in parcels conformably to sectional divisions and subdivisions of not less than three hundred and twenty acres, on any one location on any public land, except such as is or may be reserved from sale by any law of Congress or proclamation of the President of the United States, which said locations may be made at any time after the lands of the United States in said State shall have been surveyed according to existing laws:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Bright, Cass, Haywood, Jenness, Lewis, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Miller, Morehead, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the proposed amendment was not agreed to.

The bill having been further amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 11

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Benton, Calhoun, Haywood, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 21st instant: which was read.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 30, 1846.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 5) entitled "An act to establish the Smithsonian institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men:" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 27th instant, a "joint resolution (H. R. 5) concerning the Oregon Territory."

The bill (H. R. 5) to establish the Smithsonian institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That it be referred to a select committee, consisting of three members to be appointed by the President of the Senate: and

Mr. Dix, Mr. Corwin, and Mr. Lewis, were appointed accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Elizabeth Byers: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the petitioner has no claim against the United States for a pension.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Zebulon Mead: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the petitioner is not entitled to a pension.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Sevier the 23d instant, in relation to a synopsis of treasury instructions for the administration of the revenue laws: and an amendment having been proposed by Mr. Benton:

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 19) to aid the State of Mississippi in the construction of a railroad from Jackson, through Brandon, to the western boundary of Alabama: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 8

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Evans, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Bagby, Colquitt, Haywood, Jenness, McDuffie, Niles, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 4) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 131) for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1846.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of Isaiah Toy, late deputy postmaster at Camden, New Jersey, praying the reimbursement of certain moneys overpaid by him: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of John T. Adams, of the town of Winslow, in the State of New Jersey, praying an extension of his patent for flattening window glass: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of Samuel Hillman and others, citizens of Lamberton, in the State of New Jersey, praying that an appropriation may be made for the removal of obstructions in the Delaware river, near Periwig island: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sevier presented the memorial of John Ross and others, representatives of the Cherokee nation of Indians, upon the subject of the existing difficulties in that nation, and their relations with the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Upham submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the allowance of arrearages of pension to Nathaniel Stafford, of Vermont, from the time of his disability up to the 30th of March, 1846, when his name was entered upon the pension roll as a pensioner.

Mr. Upham also presented documents in relation to the claim of Nathaniel Stafford for arrearages of pension: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the Senate the state of the land claims at the Sault Ste. Mary, in the State of Michigan; how many have been presented for confirmation, and what proceedings have been had upon them; and, also, whether any further legislation is necessary, and, if any, what, to the adjudication of the just claims to land there.

Mr. Davis submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the number of the inspectors of the customs in the district of Fall River, Massachusetts.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1847, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the memorial of the executor of Uri Emmons, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 172) for the relief of the heirs of the late Uri Emmons.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 159) confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3) to amend an act approved February 24, 1843, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the relief of George Mayfield, approved July 27, 1842,'" reported it without amendment.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Pumphrey, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 173) for the relief of the assignees or legal representatives of Jaques Moulon.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Villeneuve Le Blanc.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Alexis Ayot, reported a bill (S. 174) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the petition of Alexis Ayot be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 65) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (S. 19) to aid the State of Mississippi in the construction of a railroad from Jackson, through Brandon, to the western boundary of Alabama, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 131) for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 15

On motion by Mr. Niles,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Berrien, Breese, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin,

Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Bagby, Bright, Calhoun, Colquitt, Haywood, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 28) providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories: and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, accompanied by a statement of land claims in Illinois, rejected by commissioners appointed to inquire into their validity: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Vice President presented the petition of John G. Smith, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial from the board of trade of the city of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of measures to prevent the introduction of infectious diseases into the ports of the United States by vessels landing emigrants: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis presented four petitions of citizens of the towns of Salem, Newburyport, New Bedford, and Nantucket, Massachusetts, praying that the bill for the repeal of the pilot law of 1837 may not pass: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of a number of citizens of Florida, praying the adoption of measures to promote the introduction and cultivation of tropical plants and trees: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Speight submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That after this day the regular hour to which the Senate shall stand adjourned shall be eleven o'clock, a. m., *until* otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That John M. Moore have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (S. 175) to amend an act entitled "An act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting the same," approved February 26, 1845: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William A. Bend.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Moses Meeker.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Sarah Little: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Ruth Frye: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Finance on the petition of Jacob B. Clark: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 65) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 42) to repeal a part of the act entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands," approved April 5, 1832, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills:

H. R. 233. An act for the relief of John Chasseaud, the consul of the United States for Syria and Palestine.

H. R. 235. An act to grant the right of pre-emption to actual settlers on the lands acquired by treaty from the Miami Indians in Indiana.

The House of Representatives concur in the first, second, fifth, sixth, and seventh amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 179) to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1846; they disagree to the third, fourth, and ninth amendments; and they agree to the eighth amendment of the Senate with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill (S. 131) for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 233 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that the bill numbered 235 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill (H. R. 179) to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1846, disagreed to and amended by the House of Representatives: and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 65) this day reported

to have been examined; and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 28) providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories: and having been amended:

On motion by Mr. Huntington, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12 / Nays, ... 17

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Calhoun, Dayton, Evans, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Jenness, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Upham.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That three hundred additional copies be printed of the bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes," for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 1846.

Mr. Pennybacker presented the petition of Charles M. Gibson, praying remuneration for a wagon and team of horses captured while in the service of the United States by the Seminole Indians in Florida: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Morehead presented a memorial of the heirs of Samuel Y. Keene, praying commutation pay on account of the services of their ancestor, with interest: which, with their memorial on file, was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Corwin presented a supplemental memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of Captain Benjamin Harrison, deceased, an officer in the army of the Revolution, praying the allowance of commutation pay and bounty land on account of the services of the deceased: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled bill (S. 42) to repeal a part of the act entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands," approved April 5, 1832, and for other purposes.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred

the petition of Margaret Heyland, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Michael Hanson, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Hezekiah Wingate, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hall, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Updike, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 179) to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1846, and the amendment of the House to the eighth amendment of the Senate, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider their said amendments: and

Resolved, That they recede from their fourth amendment, insist on their third and ninth amendments, and concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to their eighth amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 47) making appropriations for certain fortifications for the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 47) last mentioned, with the amendment reported thereto; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 176) for the relief of the Mexican Railroad Company: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted yesterday by Mr. Speight, in relation to the hour of meeting of the Senate: and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Bright, Colquitt, Houston, Jenness, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Speight, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Yulee.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States.

On motion by Mr. Mangum, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the order of the day for next Monday week:

It was determined in the negative.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 13

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Colquitt, Haywood, Houston, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the third and ninth amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 179) to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1846.

The Senate proceeded to consider their third and ninth amendments to the bill last mentioned, disagreed to by the House of Representatives: and,

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Resolved, That they recede therefrom.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (H. R. 65) entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes."

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to establish courts of the United States, and provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States in the State of Florida, together with the amendment reported thereto; and the reported amendment having been amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, 1801: and,

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the order of the day for Monday, the 11th instant.

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 179) to supply deficiencies in appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1846.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented resolutions of the legislature of the State of Louisiana, instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives to use their best efforts to obtain an appropriation for the erection of a light-house at the mouth of Bayou Bonfouca, on the margin of lake Pontchartrain, and another at the mouth of the river Tanchipaho: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented a remonstrance of citizens of the counties of Onondaga and Cayuga, in the State of New York, against the extension of the patent granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough: which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented the petitions of Morland Micholl, Sands, Fuller, and Company, Laverty, Gantly, and Company, and I. & T. Woodhead, merchants in the city of New York, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Benjamin L. Lucas, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Speight, to reconsider the vote on engrossing the bill (S. 3) to establish courts of the United States, and provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States in the State of Florida:

Ordered, That the further consideration of the motion be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 28) providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories, reported it with amendments: which were read, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 121) to repeal that part of the act of the 30th August, 1842, which imposes a duty of 20 per cent. ad valorem on Java coffee, and to refund the discriminating tonnage duties levied on Spanish vessels (except those from Cuba and Porto Rico) by the act of the 13th July, 1832, and to prohibit such duties hereafter: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two en-

rolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, (S. 42 and H. R. 179:) and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next; and that measures be taken for substituting matting for the carpeting of the Senate chamber.

The bill (S. 49) granting a pension to Richard Elliott was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment having been made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 2) in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser, together with the amendments reported thereto: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 53) for the relief of the legal representatives of John J. Bulow, junior, deceased, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, May 11, 1846.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of the executors of Robert Porterfield, deceased, praying an allowance of bounty land for services in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Gibson, Sons, and Company, the petition of Gabriel Mead and Company, and of Tooker Mead and Company, praying the reimbursement of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of a number of ship-owners and masters of vessels navigating the lakes, praying that Chicago may not be made a port of entry: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bagby presented a memorial of Thomas P. Jones, praying compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses while a member of a board of examiners, appointed to make experiments on steam-boilers: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Evans submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that any articles the growth, production, or manufacture of the adjoining British provinces, or brought into the United States therefrom, on which duties may have been paid or

secured, may be exported from any port in the United States for the benefit of drawback of the said duties, under such regulations as may be proper for the security of the revenue.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed a bill to repeal a part of an act entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of the public lands," approved April 5, 1832, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The existing state of the relations between the United States and Mexico renders it proper that I should bring the subject to the consideration of Congress. In my message at the commencement of your present session, the state of these relations, the causes which led to the suspension of diplomatic intercourse between the two countries in March, 1845, and the long-continued and unredressed wrongs and injuries committed by the Mexican government on citizens of the United States, in their persons and property, were briefly set forth.

As the facts and opinions which were then laid before you were carefully considered, I cannot better express my present convictions of the condition of affairs up to that time, than by referring you to that communication.

The strong desire to establish peace with Mexico on liberal and honorable terms, and the readiness of this government to regulate and adjust our boundary, and other causes of difference with that power, on such fair and equitable principles as would lead to permanent relations of the most friendly nature, induced me in September last to seek the reopening of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Every measure adopted on our part had for its object the furtherance of these desired results. In communicating to Congress a succinct statement of the injuries which we had suffered from Mexico, and which have been accumulating during a period of more than twenty years, every expression that could tend to inflame the people of Mexico, or defeat or delay a pacific result, was carefully avoided. An envoy of the United States repaired to Mexico, with full powers to adjust every existing difference. But though present on the Mexican soil, by agreement between the two governments, invested with full powers, and bearing evidence of the most friendly dispositions, his mission has been unavailing. The Mexican government not only refused to receive him, or listen to his propositions, but, after a long-continued series of menaces, have at last invaded our territory, and shed the blood of our fellow-citizens on our own soil.

It now becomes my duty to state more in detail the origin, progress, and failure of that mission. In pursuance of the instructions given in September last, an inquiry was made, on the 13th of October, 1845, in the most friendly terms, through our consul in Mexico, of the minister for foreign affairs, whether the Mexican government "would receive an envoy from the United States intrusted with full powers to adjust all the questions in dispute between the two governments;" with the assurance

that "should the answer be in the affirmative, such an envoy would be immediately despatched to Mexico." The Mexican minister, on the 15th of October, gave an affirmative answer to this inquiry, requesting, at the same time, that our naval force at Vera Cruz might be withdrawn, lest its continued presence might assume the appearance of menace and coercion pending the negotiations. This force was immediately withdrawn. On the 10th of November, 1845, Mr. John Slidell, of Louisiana, was commissioned by me as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Mexico, and was intrusted with full powers to adjust both the questions of the Texas boundary and of indemnification to our citizens. The redress of the wrongs of our citizens naturally and inseparably blended itself with the question of boundary. The settlement of the one question, in any correct view of the subject, involves that of the other. I could not, for a moment, entertain the idea that the claims of our much injured and long suffering citizens, many of which had existed for more than twenty years, should be postponed, or separated from the settlement of the boundary question.

Mr. Slidell arrived at Vera Cruz on the 30th of November, and was courteously received by the authorities of that city. But the government of General Herrera was then tottering to its fall. The revolutionary party had seized upon the Texas question to effect or hasten its overthrow. Its determination to restore friendly relations with the United States, and to receive our minister, to negotiate for the settlement of this question, was violently assailed, and was made the great theme of denunciation against it. The government of General Herrera, there is good reason to believe, was sincerely desirous to receive our minister; but it yielded to the storm raised by its enemies, and on the 21st of December refused to accredit Mr. Slidell upon the most frivolous pretexts. These are so fully and ably exposed in the note of Mr. Slidell, of the 24th of December last, to the Mexican minister of foreign relations, herewith transmitted, that I deem it unnecessary to enter into further detail on this portion of the subject.

Five days after the date of Mr. Slidell's note, General Herrera yielded the government to General Paredes, without a struggle, and on the 30th of December resigned the presidency. This revolution was accomplished solely by the army, the people having taken little part in the contest; and thus the supreme power in Mexico passed into the hands of a military leader.

Determined to leave no effort untried to effect an amicable adjustment with Mexico, I directed Mr. Slidell to present his credentials to the government of General Paredes, and ask to be officially received by him. There would have been less ground for taking this step had General Paredes come into power by a regular constitutional succession. In that event his administration would have been considered but a mere constitutional continuance of the government of General Herrera, and the refusal of the latter to receive our minister would have been deemed conclusive, unless an intimation had been given by General Paredes of his desire to reverse the decision of his predecessor. But the government of General Paredes owes its existence to a military revolution, by which the subsisting constitutional authorities had been subverted. The form of government was entirely changed, as well as all the high functionaries by whom it was administered.

Under these circumstances, Mr. Slidell, in obedience to my direction,

addressed a note to the Mexican minister of foreign relations, under date of the 1st of March last, asking to be received by that government in the diplomatic character to which he had been appointed. This minister, in his reply under date of the 12th of March, reiterated the arguments of his predecessor, and, in terms that may be considered as giving just grounds of offence to the government and people of the United States, denied the application of Mr. Slidell. Nothing, therefore, remained for our envoy but to demand his passports, and return to his own country.

Thus the government of Mexico, though solemnly pledged by official acts in October last to receive and accredit an American envoy, violated their plighted faith, and refused the offer of a peaceful adjustment of our difficulties. Not only was the offer rejected, but the indignity of its rejection was enhanced by the manifest breach of faith in refusing to admit the envoy, who came because they had bound themselves to receive him. Nor can it be said that the offer was fruitless from the want of opportunity of discussing it: our envoy was present on their own soil. Nor can it be ascribed to a want of sufficient powers: our envoy had full powers to adjust every question of difference. Nor was there room for complaint that our propositions for settlement were unreasonable: permission was not even given our envoy to make any proposition whatever. Nor can it be objected that we, on our part, would not listen to any reasonable terms of their suggestion: the Mexican government refused all negotiation, and have made no proposition of any kind.

In my message at the commencement of the present session, I informed you that, upon the earnest appeal both of the congress and convention of Texas, I had ordered an efficient military force to take a position "between the Nueces and the Del Norte." This had become necessary, to meet a threatened invasion of Texas by the Mexican forces, for which extensive military preparations had been made. The invasion was threatened solely because Texas had determined, in accordance with a solemn resolution of the Congress of the United States, to annex herself to our Union; and, under these circumstances, it was plainly our duty to extend our protection over her citizens and soil.

This force was concentrated at Corpus Christi, and remained there until after I had received such information from Mexico as rendered it probable, if not certain, that the Mexican government would refuse to receive our envoy.

Meantime Texas, by the final action of our Congress, had become an integral part of our Union. The Congress of Texas, by its act of December 19, 1836, had declared the Rio del Norte to be the boundary of that republic. Its jurisdiction had been extended and exercised beyond the Nueces. The country between that river and the Del Norte had been represented in the congress and in the convention of Texas; had thus taken part in the act of annexation itself; and is now included within one of our congressional districts. Our own Congress had, moreover, with great unanimity, by the act approved December 31, 1845, recognised the country beyond the Nueces as a part of our territory, by including it within our own revenue system; and a revenue officer, to reside within that district, has been appointed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. It became, therefore, of urgent necessity to provide for the defence of that portion of our country. Accordingly, on the 13th of January last, instructions were issued to the general in command of these troops to

occupy the left bank of the Del Norte. This river, which is the south-western boundary of the State of Texas, is an exposed frontier; from this quarter invasion was threatened; upon it, and in its immediate vicinity, in the judgment of high military experience, are the proper stations for the protecting forces of the government. In addition to this important consideration, several others occurred to induce this movement. Among these are the facilities afforded by the ports at Brazos Santiago and the mouth of the Del Norte, for the reception of supplies by sea; the stronger and more healthful military positions; the convenience for obtaining a ready and a more abundant supply of provisions, water, fuel, and forage; and the advantages which are afforded by the Del Norte in forwarding supplies to such posts as may be established in the interior and upon the Indian frontier.

The movement of the troops to the Del Norte was made by the commanding general, under positive instructions to abstain from all aggressive acts towards Mexico or Mexican citizens, and to regard the relations between that republic and the United States as peaceful, unless she should declare war, or commit acts of hostility indicative of a state of war. He was specially directed to protect private property, and respect personal rights.

The army moved from Corpus Christi on the 11th of March, and on the 28th of that month arrived on the left bank of the Del Norte, opposite to Matamoras, where it encamped on a commanding position, which has since been strengthened by the erection of field works. A depot has also been established at Point Isabel, near the Brazos Santiago, thirty miles in rear of the encampment. The selection of his position was necessarily confided to the judgment of the general in command.

The Mexican forces at Matamoras assumed a belligerant attitude, and, on the 12th of April, General Ampudia, then in command, notified General Taylor to break up his camp within twenty-four hours, and to retire beyond the Nueces river, and, in the event of his failure to comply with these demands, announced that arms, and arms alone, must decide the question. But no open act of hostility was committed until the 24th of April. On that day, General Arista, who had succeeded to the command of the Mexican forces, communicated to General Taylor that "he considered hostilities commenced, and should prosecute them." A party of dragoons, of sixty-three men and officers, were on the same day despatched from the American camp up the Rio del Norte, on its left bank, to ascertain whether the Mexican troops had crossed, or were preparing to cross, the river, "became engaged with a large body of these troops, and, after a short affair, in which some sixteen were killed and wounded, appear to have been surrounded and compelled to surrender."

The grievous wrongs perpetrated by Mexico upon our citizens throughout a long period of years remain unredressed; and solemn treaties, pledging her public faith for this redress, have been disregarded. A government either unable or unwilling to enforce the execution of such treaties, fails to perform one of its plainest duties.

Our commerce with Mexico has been almost annihilated. It was formerly highly beneficial to both nations; but our merchants have been deterred from prosecuting it by the system of outrage and extortion which the Mexican authorities have pursued against them, whilst their appeals through their own government for indemnity have been made in vain.

Our forbearance has gone to such an extreme as to be mistaken in its character. Had we acted with vigor in repelling the insults and redressing the injuries inflicted by Mexico at the commencement, we should doubtless have escaped all the difficulties in which we are now involved.

Instead of this, however, we have been exerting our best efforts to propitiate her good-will. Upon the pretext that Texas, a nation as independent as herself, thought proper to unite its destinies with our own, she has affected to believe that we have severed her rightful territory, and in official proclamations and manifestoes has repeatedly threatened to make war upon us, for the purpose of reconquering Texas. In the meantime, we have tried every effort at reconciliation. The cup of forbearance had been exhausted, even before the recent information from the frontier of the Del Norte. But now, after reiterated menaces, Mexico has passed the boundary of the United States, has invaded our territory, and shed American blood upon the American soil. She has proclaimed that hostilities have commenced, and that the two nations are now at war.

As war exists, and, notwithstanding all our efforts to avoid it, exists by the act of Mexico herself, we are called upon by every consideration of duty and patriotism to vindicate with decision the honor, the rights, and the interests of our country.

Anticipating the possibility of a crisis like that which has arrived, instructions were given in August last, "as a precautionary measure" against invasion, or threatened invasion, authorizing General Taylor, if the emergency required, to accept volunteers, not from Texas only, but from the States of Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky; and corresponding letters were addressed to the respective governors of those States. These instructions were repeated; and, in January last, soon after the incorporation of "Texas into our union of States," General Taylor was further "authorized by the President to make a requisition upon the executive of that State for such of its militia force as may be needed to repel invasion, or to secure the country against apprehended invasion." On the second day of March he was again reminded, "in the event of the approach of any considerable Mexican force, promptly and efficiently to use the authority with which he was clothed to call to him such auxiliary force as he might need." War actually existing, and our territory having been invaded, General Taylor, pursuant to authority vested in him by my direction, has called on the governor of Texas for four regiments of State troops—two to be mounted, and two to serve on foot; and on the governor of Louisiana for four regiments of infantry, to be sent to him as soon as practicable.

In further vindication of our rights, and defence of our territory, I invoke the prompt action of Congress to recognise the existence of the war, and to place at the disposition of the Executive the means of prosecuting the war with vigor, and thus hastening the restoration of peace. To this end I recommend that authority should be given to call into the public service a large body of volunteers, to serve for not less than six or twelve months, unless sooner discharged. A volunteer force is beyond question more efficient than any other description of citizen soldiers; and it is not to be doubted that a number far beyond that required would readily rush to the field upon the call of their country. I further recommend that a liberal provision be made for sustaining our entire military force and furnishing it with supplies and munitions of war.

The most energetic and prompt measures, and the immediate appearance in arms of a large and overpowering force, are recommended to Congress as the most certain and efficient means of bringing the existing collision with Mexico to a speedy and successful termination.

In making these recommendations, I deem it proper to declare that it is my anxious desire not only to terminate hostilities speedily, but to bring all matters in dispute between this government and Mexico to an early and amicable adjustment; and, in this view, I shall be prepared to renew negotiations, whenever Mexico shall be ready to receive propositions, or to make propositions of her own.

I transmit herewith a copy of the correspondence between our envoy to Mexico and the Mexican minister for foreign affairs; and so much of the correspondence between that envoy and the Secretary of State, and between the Secretary of War and the general in command on the Del Norte, as is necessary to a full understanding of the subject.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *May* 11, 1846.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That so much thereof as concerns the relations of the United States with Mexico be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and that so much thereof as relates to repelling an invasion of the United States be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents, with that part of the message of the President at the commencement of the session which relates to Mexico, be printed, and that 20,000 copies in addition to the usual number be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to "any despatch or information received from either of the ministers of the United States abroad, on the subject of a ship canal across the isthmus of Panama, and of opening new channels of communication with the eastern nations:" which was read, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 274) for the relief of Charles W. Bingley.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 117) for the relief of George Wentling.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 7th instant, a bill (H. R. 65) "making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes;" and the 8th instant, a bill (H. R. 179) "to supply deficiencies of appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1846."

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 55. An act for the relief of William Culver.

H. R. 111. An act for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Success.

H. R. 112. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Bird.

H. R. 259. An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia.

H. R. 286. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th June, 1847.

H. R. 29. Resolution affirming a certain act of the legislative assembly of Wisconsin.

The bills and joint resolution this day received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bill numbered 55 be referred to the Committee of Claims; that bill numbered 111 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that bill numbered 112 be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; that bill numbered 259 be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia; that bill numbered 286 be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the resolution numbered 29 be referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 38) to authorize an increase in the rank and file of the army of the United States, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill (H. R. 38) as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendments reported thereto; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, and no further amendments proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and that the bill be read a third time as amended.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred an amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 29) to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill: and

Resolved, That they disagree thereto.

On motion by Mr. Archer, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the said amendment:

Ordered, That the further consideration of the motion be postponed until to-morrow.

The resolution (S. R. 2) in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser, and the bill (S. 49) granting a pension to Richard Elliott, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That the said resolution and bill pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1846.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 38) "to authorize an increase of the rank and file of the army of the United States."

They have passed a bill (H. R. 145) providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 21) for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers, with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 145) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Clayton, that the bill be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 26

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Colquitt, Dix, Houston, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton, to amend the bill, section 1, line 4, by striking out the words "to prosecute said war to a speedy and successful termination:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 25

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Colquitt, Dix, Houston, Jarnagin, Jenness, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, line 4, the words "to prosecute said war to a speedy and successful termination," and in lieu thereof inserting, "*to repel invasion, and*

otherwise prosecute hostilities until the country be secured from the danger of further invasion:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Colquitt, Dix, Houston, Jarnagin, Jenness, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The bill having been amended:

On motion by Mr. Huntington, to amend the bill by striking out the preamble to the same, as follows: "Whereas, by the act of the republic of Mexico, a state of war exists between that government and the United States:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, McDuffie, Mangum, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Colquitt, Dix, Houston, Jarnagin, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate: and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

On the question, Shall this bill pass, as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 40 / Nays, ... 2

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Dix, Houston, Jarnagin, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Thomas Clayton, Mr. Davis.
It was
Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.
Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.
On motion,
The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit to Congress a communication from the officer commanding [illegible] in Texas, with the papers which accompanied it; they were received by the southern mail of yesterday, some hours after my message of the 11th had been transmitted, and are of a prior date to one of the communications from the same officer which accompanied that message.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *May* 12, 1846.

The message was read.
Ordered, That it be printed, with the accompanying documents; and that the same number of additional copies be printed for the use of the Senate as were ordered of the message of the 11th instant.
Mr. Speight presented the memorial of Clements, Bryan, and Company, praying indemnity for losses sustained in consequence of the violation, on the part of the government of a contract for the removal and subsistence of the Cherokee Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Claims.
Mr. Jenness presented a petition of ship-owners and ship-masters of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, praying that the pilot act of March 2, 1837, may not be repealed.
Ordered, That it lie on the table.
Mr. Corwin presented a petition of citizens of Warren county, Ohio, praying the establishment of a mail route from Lebanon to Wilmington, and the discontinuance of the route between Waynesville and Wilmington, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.
Mr. Corwin presented four petitions of citizens of Ohio, praying an appropriation for improving the Maumee river: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.
Mr. Archer presented a petition of citizens of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying that the pilot act of March 2, 1837, may not be repealed.
Ordered, That it lie on the table.
Mr. Miller presented a petition of citizens of Newark, New Jersey, remonstrating against the repeal of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots.
Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of William Pittman, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented three memorials of citizens of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, engaged in the coal trade, praying that no change may be made in the existing tariff: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying the establishment of a national foundery within the State of Pennsylvania: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, opposed to any change in the tariff of 1842, to the establishment of a national bank, and to the distribution of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands among the States; and in favor of a separation of the government from banking institutions by means of an independent treasury.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of importers and dealers in wines and liquors in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying that foreign wines and liquors may be subject to specific instead of ad valorem duties: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of A. and G. Ralston and Company, praying the repayment of duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector for the port of Philadelphia: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Corwin presented the petition of John P. Converse, praying compensation for services as special agent of the Post Office Department for settling certain claims for tolls charged against mail contractors and assumed by that department: which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dix presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of New York in favor of re-organizing the militia system: which were referred to the Committee on the Militia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of citizens of Mystic, Connecticut, praying a reduction of the pay and mileage of members of Congress: which was referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Cass presented a petition of citizens of Detroit, Michigan, praying the construction of a road from Green Bay to the mineral region of lake Superior: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Allen presented a petition of citizens of Lucas county, Ohio, praying an appropriation for improving the Maumee river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of artists and other citizens of New York, praying that paintings, statuary, and other works of art may be admitted into the ports of the United States free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Benton presented the memorial of John M. Moore, late chief clerk in the General Land Office, praying compensation for services in that office: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Yulee presented the memorial of the trustees of the West Florida

Collegiate Institute, praying the confirmation of their title to the ground on which they have erected their building: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Huntington submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the completion of the works for the improvement of the river Thames, connected with the harbor at Norwich, in the State of Connecticut, and that the papers on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate be referred to said committee.

Mr. Berrien submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any, and what legislation by Congress is necessary to give effect to the eleventh article of the treaty of San Lorenzo el Real on the 27th of October, 1795, between the United States and Spain, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to pay to Elizabeth Tims, the mother of James Tims, late postmaster of the Senate, deceased, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to defray funeral expenses; and that he be hereby further directed to pay the said Elizabeth Tims the balance of the salary of said James Tims from the time of his death till the close of the present session; and, also, the additional compensation usually allowed him for his strict and faithful attention to the duties of his office.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Zeba Baker, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Michael Bowden, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ann Kelly, and that the petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, that the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Susan Culloh, and that the petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs:

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 177) for the relief of certain persons therein named: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (S. 178) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes:" which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of Louis de la Houssaye, reported a bill (S. 179) for their relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 145) providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico.

They have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 31) to correct a clerical error: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 38. An act to authorize an increase of the rank and file of the army of the United States.

H. R. 145. An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico.

H. R. 274. An act for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina.

S. 117. An act for the relief of George Wentling.

The Vice President signed the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the four enrolled bills this day reported to have been examined; and that they had presented to the President of the United States, the 7th instant, the bill (H. R. 179) to supply deficiencies in appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1846.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 47) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847, together with the amendment thereto; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, and the bill being further amended,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the enrolled bill (S. 117) entitled "An act for the relief of George Wentling."

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30th, 1846, together

with the amendments reported thereto: and the reported amendments having been, in part, agreed to, and the bill further amended,

A motion was made by Mr. Atchison further to amend the bill: and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The Senate, after the consideration of Executive business, adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Postmaster General, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the number of letters and the amount of postage at the specified rates, for the month of October: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, the proceedings of a court of inquiry in the case of Major J. W. Ripley, superintendent of the Springfield armory: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed, with the accompanying documents.

Mr. Berrien presented the petition of the Macon and Western Railroad Company, praying permission to import free of duty the iron necessary to complete their railroad: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Lewis G. de Rossey, late a paymaster in the army, praying to be released from a judgment obtained against him by the United States for certain public money lost while in his custody, by the explosion of a steamboat: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred a resolution of the legislature of the State of Maryland, relating to a free bridge across the eastern branch, reported a bill (S. 180) to provide a free bridge across the eastern branch of the river Potomac, in the city of Washington: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (S. 181) relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese (by unanimous consent) obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 182) to repeal part of the act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1846: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 116) making an appropriation for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 13th instant, the acts entitled:

H. R. 145. An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico.

H. R. 38. An act to authorize an increase in the rank and file of the army of the United States.

H. R. 274. An act for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina.

The resolution (H. R. 31) to correct a clerical error, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (H. R. 116) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Bagby the 13th instant, directing a certain payment to be made to Elizabeth Tims: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion made by Mr. Speight the 7th instant, to reconsider the vote on the engrossment of the bill (S. 3) to establish courts of the United States, and provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States in the State of Florida: and,

On the question to agree to the motion,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The engrossed bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 29
Nays, ... 14

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dix, Houston, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 21) for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 21) for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (H. R. 31) to correct a clerical error.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 21,) and an enrolled resolution (H. R. 31,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, a debate ensued: and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 15, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of John T. Adams, assignee of Taylor, Little, and Company, late merchants in the city of New York, praying to be allowed interest on certain duties illegally exacted by the collector of that port, and refunded by order of the Secretary of the Treasury: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Simmons presented two petitions of citizens of Rhode Island, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Simmons presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Rhode Island in favor of the speedy settlement of the claims of American citizens to indemnity for French spoliations: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Philadelphia, pledging to the government their support in the prosecution of the war between the United States and Mexico: which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lewis presented the petition of Robert Jones and James Bowen, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted of them by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Stephen R. Rowan, late receiver of public moneys at Shawneetown, Illinois, praying to be released from liability for a sum of public money of which he was robbed while on his

way to make a deposite in the Louisville Savings Institution in Kentucky; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the memorial of Joshua Kennedy, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Webster submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for continuing in force the several acts heretofore passed for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States.

Mr. Archer submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent; and, being amended on the motion of Mr. Turney, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law for a change in the time of holding the spring terms of the district courts of the United States, holden at Richmond and Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, so that the former, instead of commencing on the 13th day of May, may commence on the second Monday in April in each year; and the latter, instead of being held on the 30th day of May, may commence on the second Monday in June in each year; and that they also inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the spring term of the district court for the district of East Tennessee, at Knoxville.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

H. R. 31. Resolution to correct a clerical error.

S. 21. An act for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 47) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1847.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act (S. 21) for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Hulbert, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, reported a bill (S. 183) in addition to and amendment of the several acts to promote the progress of the useful arts: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the said bill, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 47) making appropriations for cer-

tain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Margaret Heyland: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Hezekiah Wingate: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Thomas Hall: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the claim of Thomas Hall for a pension be not allowed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of James Updike: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion made by Mr. Archer the 11th instant, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 29) to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen: and,

On the question to agree to the motion to reconsider the said vote,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Dix,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland; Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dix, Houston, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the negative.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1847: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 182) to repeal part of the act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1846, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

way to make a deposite in the Louisville Savings Institution in Kentucky, which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the memorial of Joshua Kennedy, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Webster submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for continuing in force the several acts heretofore passed for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States.

Mr. Archer submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent; and, being amended on the motion of Mr. Turney, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law for a change in the time of holding the spring terms of the district courts of the United States, holden at Richmond and Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, so that the former, instead of commencing on the 13th day of May, may commence on the second Monday in April in each year; and the latter, instead of being held on the 30th day of May, may commence on the second Monday in June in each year; and that they also inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the spring term of the district court for the district of East Tennessee, at Knoxville.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

H. R. 31. Resolution to correct a clerical error.

S. 21. An act for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 47) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1847.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act (S. 21) for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Hulbert, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, reported a bill (S. 183) in addition to and amendment of the several acts to promote the progress of the useful arts: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the said bill, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 47) making appropriations for cer-

of the bill (S. 182) to repeal part of the act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1846: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 113) for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives *recede* from their amendment to the bill (S. 29) "to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon."

The President of the United States approved and signed the 15th instant, the bill (H. R. 47) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in relation to the land claims at the Sault Ste. Marie: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 28) providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories, with the amendments reported thereto: and the reported amendments having been amended, were agreed to; and the bill being further amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (H. R. 113) for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Lewis G. de Russey, reported a resolution (S. 74) for the relief of Lewis G. de Russey, late a paymaster in the army of the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said resolution was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 157) to provide for the transportation of the United States' mail across the isthmus of Panama, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States, and for other purposes: and,

MONDAY, MAY 18, 1846.

Mr. Corwin presented the petition of Josephine Nourse, widow of Benjamin F. Nourse, deceased, late an assistant surgeon in the army of the United States, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sturgeon presented seven petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of slavery in the United States.

A motion was made that the petitions be received: and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Thomas H. Duval, praying compensation for his services as clerk of the superior court of Leon county, in the middle judicial district of the Territory of Florida, before the admission of that Territory into the Union: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the number of general and staff officers in the army of the United States, and also into the expediency of making further provisions to promote the efficiency of the volunteer force authorized by law.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of C. Alexander and T. Barnard, praying indemnity for the loss they have sustained in consequence of a violation on the part of the United States of a contract for executing printing for the Navy Department: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That one thousand additional copies of the report of the Secretary of War, communicating the proceedings of the court of inquiry in the case of Major J. W. Ripley, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred certain memorials respecting the remission of duties on railroad iron, reported a bill (S. 184) to remit the duties which have been paid or have accrued upon the importation of railroad iron in certain cases: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 286) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847, reported it without amendment.

The amendments to the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1847, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Sevier, the bill was further amended by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration

of the bill (S. 182) to repeal part of the act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1846: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 113) for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives *recede* from their amendment to the bill (S. 29) "to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon."

The President of the United States approved and signed the 15th instant, the bill (H. R. 47) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in relation to the land claims at the Sault Ste. Marie: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 28) providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories, with the amendments reported thereto: and the reported amendments having been amended, were agreed to, and the bill being further amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (H. R. 113) for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Lewis G. de Russey, reported a resolution (S. 174) for the relief of Lewis G. de Russey, late a paymaster in the army of the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said resolution was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 157) to provide for the transportation of the United States' mail across the isthmus of Panama, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army, and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

On motion by Mr. Atchison, to amend the bill by striking out the second section, amended as follows:

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act to limit the term of office of certain officers therein named, approved May the fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty, as relates to the officers of the pay department, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and that paymasters shall hereafter hold their appointments as other disbursing officers of the army: *Provided*, That it shall be the duty of the President of the United States, at least once in four years, to inquire into the sufficiency of the bonds given by the paymasters of the army, and, if he shall deem it necessary; to order them to be renewed:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16
Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Jenness, Niles, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Woodbridge, Yulee.

The bill, as amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following bills were severally read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 89. A bill for the relief of Amos Kendall.

S. 155. A bill for the relief of John Keith, of New York.

No amendment being made, the said bills were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1846.

Mr. Crittenden presented a memorial of the surveyors and inspectors of the revenue for the ports of Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Nashville, and Wheeling, and a memorial of merchants residing in the cities of Louisville, Cincinnati, Wheeling, and Pittsburg, praying the establishment of ports of entry and the appointment of collectors at those places: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Benton submitted a document in relation to the claim of A. H. Yarnall, widow of A. H. Yarnall, late a carpenter's mate in the naval service, for a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented four memorials of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying the establishment of a national foundery within the State of Pennsylvania: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented five petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, and a petition of female inhabitants of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of slavery in the United States.

A motion was made, that the petitions be received: and being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution from the Senate (S. 11) providing for temporary mail service in Texas.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 29) to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 29) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes:" which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hartwell, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States in relation to the claim of the owners of the brig General Armstrong against the government of Portugal, submitted a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the message and accompanying documents in the case of the General Armstrong, and that the same be laid on the table.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Michael Bowden: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Zeba Baker: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The resolution (S. R. 24) for the relief of Lewis G. de Russey, late a paymaster in the army of the United States, and the bill (S. 28) providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That the said resolution and bill pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 50) for the relief of Mrs. Pike, widow of the late General Pike, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3) to amend an act approved February 24, 1843, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the relief of George Mayfield,' approved July 27, 1842:" and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 286) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847: and,

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st of July, 1801: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of War, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of the 4th of December last, which contains the information called for "with respect to the practicability and utility of a

forts on Ship island, on the coast of Mississippi, with a view to the on of said coast."

JAMES K. POLK.

HINGTON, *May* 19, 1846.

message was read.

red, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and

Niles presented four petitions of ship-owners and ship-masters, citi- Connecticut, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning may not be repealed: which were referred to the Committee on erce.

Niles presented the petition of Ann Dodd, widow of a deceased ionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Com- on Pensions.

Sturgeon presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of , Pennsylvania, pledging their support to the government in the ition of the war between the United States and Mexico.

red, That they lie on the table.

Bright presented the petition of William Sloan, praying the passage ct to recognise his right of citizenship: which was referred to the ittee on the Judiciary.

Woodbridge presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the f Michigan, together with copies of reports of committees of that elative to the right of the United States to lease the mineral lands that State: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

red, That the resolutions be printed.

Dix presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of ork, in favor of the passage of a law conferring upon the States the to regulate the appointment of pilots within their respective limits.

red, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Jethro Wood for an ement in the plough.

red, That they lie on the table.

Turney submitted the following resolution; which was considered, nimous consent, and agreed to:

lved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to in- nto the expediency of limiting military appointments to the age of ears.

Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and duly enrolled the resolution (S. R. 11) providing for temporary mail in Texas.

essage from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their

President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. making appropriations for the support of the army for the year end- h June, 1847: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled ion, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their ent.

The Vice President signed the enrolled resolution (S. R. 11) this day reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred a memorial of Isaiah Toy, reported a bill (S. 186) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Creed Taylor, reported a bill (S. 187) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 116) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, reported it with amendments: which were read, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the document relating to the claim of A. H. Yarnall, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the documents relating to the claim of Nathaniel Stafford were referred, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 188) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 189) to revive and continue in force the several acts heretofore passed for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution instructing the committee to inquire into the expediency of making provision for a suitable building for holding the federal courts at the newly established seat of government in Alabama.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 232) further to amend "An act supplementary to an act to fix the value of certain moneys of account in computations at the custom-houses," approved March 3, 1845, reported it with amendments: which were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendment reported: and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said amendment having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended: and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bill (S. 50) for the relief of Mrs. Pike, widow of the late General Pike, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the bill (S. 29) to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon; and that they had this day presented the resolution (S. R. 11) providing for temporary mail service in Texas.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 19th instant the enrolled bill (S. 29) to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon; and this day approved and signed a resolution (S. R. 11) providing temporary mail service in Texas.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, 1801: and,

After debate, and the consideration, by unanimous consent, of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 21, 1846.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of Thomas T. January, praying the right of pre-emption to a tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of George Ramey, praying the right of pre-emption to a tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of William Ramey and others, citizens of Missouri, praying the right of pre-emption to certain lands in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Morehead presented the memorial of William de Courcy, praying that the benefits of the several pension laws may be extended equally to all widows of deceased revolutionary soldiers: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jarnagin presented the petition of Cecilia Carroll, widow of William Carroll, deceased, an officer in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sturgeon presented three memorials of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying the establishment of a national foundery at Port Richmond, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Niles presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying the reduction of the postage on half ounce letters, and the discon-

tinuance of the franking privilege: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Semple presented a petition of citizens residing in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying that the bill providing for the retrocession of the said county to the State of Virginia may not become a law: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of George Gibson and others, merchants of the city of New York, praying the repayment of duties alleged to have been unlawfully exacted of them by the collector of that port: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of citizens of New York engaged in canal navigation, praying the passage of a law exempting canal boats from the payment of fees and hospital money: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of citizens of Madison county, New York, praying the adoption of a proposed plan for the establishment of the Smithsonian institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted documents relating to the claim of Joseph Loranger to compensation for a fishing seine seized by the collector for the port of Detroit, for an alleged violation of the revenue laws: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Haywood presented a memorial of the Historical Society of the University of North Carolina, praying that they may be furnished with a copy of the works of the exploring expedition: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, in relation to Putnam's ploughing and dredging machine, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That A. R. S. Hunter have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

Ordered, That the representatives of John Cleves Symmes have leave to withdraw the papers relative to the contract between the United States and the said John Cleves Symmes.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be directed to examine and report upon the merits of R. F. Loper's plan for constructing war steamers and other vessels; also, on the merits of said Loper's plan for constructing wrought-iron cannon and mortars on the screw principle.

Mr. Rusk submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of authorizing the purchase of two hundred of Colt's patent rifles for the use of the troops on the southwestern frontier.

Mr. Westcott presented a copy of the amended organic laws of the people of the Territory of Oregon, as adopted by them at a general meeting on the last Saturday in July, 1845: which was ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 232) further to amend an act supplementary to an act to fix the value of certain moneys of account in computations at the custom-houses, approved March 3, 1845.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 449) making copies of papers certified by the Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House of Representatives, legal evidence; also, a bill (H. R. 310) to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington: in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Hannah Severance, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Territories, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of organizing a government for the Territory of Oregon, and to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes, submitted a special report, together with a motion to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill.

The report was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 190) to change the times for holding the terms of certain courts of the United States in Virginia and Tennessee: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 3. An act to amend an act approved February 24, 1843, entitled "An act to amend an act for the relief of George Mayfield, approved July 27, 1842."

H. R. 232. An act to establish the value of certain foreign coins and moneys of account, and to amend existing laws.

The Vice President signed the two bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 310) to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The bill (H. R. 449) making copies of papers certified by the Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House of Representatives, legal evidence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 88) to amend the act approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri,

Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Mississippi and Alabama south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers," together with the amendment reported thereto: and the reported amendment having been agreed to, and the bill being further amended, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and the bill, as amended, be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, 1801.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Westcott,

On motion by Mr. Speight, that the bill lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 11 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Breese, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Speight.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Tuesday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 22, 1846.

Mr. Haywood presented a petition of ship-owners and ship-masters, citizens of Wilmington, North Carolina, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Westcott presented a memorial of citizens of Florida, praying indemnity for losses sustained by them in consequence of the military occupation of Florida by the United States in the years 1814 and 1818: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of transmitting to the constituted authorities of the State of Michigan authenticated evidence of the final action of the government of the United States in regard to the location and establishment of the national boundary so far as the same national boundary separates the State of Michigan from the Canadian provinces of Great Britain, and, especially, authenticated copies of such charts and field notes as may remain in the

State Department, so far as the same may designate the said boundary along the extent of said State.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if in his opinion it may be done without prejudice to the public interests, any information in his possession relative to the demand made by the governments of England and France, or either of them, upon the State of Texas, on the subject of the execution by Texas of the treaties subsisting between that State when an independent republic, and England and France; also, such documents as may be in his possession, growing out of, or relating to, such demand; together with a copy of such treaties.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury transmit to the Senate the original reports of the examination of the claims for spoliations by the American troops in West Florida in 1814 and 1818, and the adjudications of the judge of the western district of Florida thereon.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following bills:

H. R. 3. An act to amend an act approved February 24, 1843, entitled "An act to amend an act for the relief of George Mayfield, approved July 27, 1842."

H. R. 232. An act to establish the value of certain coins and moneys of account, and to amend existing laws.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 93) to enable the Secretary of the Navy to purchase the right of using Mix's patent manger stopper, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 18) making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 449) making copies of papers certified by the Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House of Representatives, legal evidence, reported it with an amendment: which was ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 450) for the allowance of drawback on foreign merchandise imported into certain districts of the United States from the British North American provinces, and exported to foreign countries: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bill from the House of Representatives was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Samuel Hartwell: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Hannah Severance: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the memorial of John Hulbert: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the memorialist is not entitled to relief.

The resolution (S. R. 6) in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday next.

The resolution (S. R. 14) for the relief of Putney and Riddle was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion to discharge the Committee on Territories from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes, in pursuance of the report of the Committee on Territories: and

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Westcott, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to the first Monday in December next:

A debate ensued: and,

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes," was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1846.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of citizens of Middlesex county, Connecticut, praying an alteration in the rates of newspaper postage: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dickinson presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of the city and county of New York, pledging themselves to the support of the government in the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico.

Ordered, That they be printed.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War relative to the improvement of the harbors of Dunkirk and Cattaraugus, on lake Erie, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That Catlin, Peoples, and Company have leave to withdraw their memorial and papers.

Mr. Corwin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution from the Senate (S. R. 17) for the relief of Peter Gorman.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 15th instant a joint resolution (H. R. 31) to correct a clerical error; and the 22d instant the bill (H. R. 232) to establish the value of certain foreign coins and moneys of account, and to amend existing laws; and the bill (H. R. 3) to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of George Mayfield, approved July 27, 1842."

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made the 29th instant, relative to the mineral lands on lake Superior, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred a memorial of Samuel W. Bell, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 191) for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The bill (S. 148) establishing certain post routes, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes:" and,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of A. B. Durand and others, praying that Samuel F. B. Morse may be employed by the government to execute a painting for one of the vacant panels in the rotundo of the Capitol: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Lewis presented the petition of Hughes, Brothers, and Company, merchants of the city of New York, praying the repayment of duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector of that port: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Oscar F. Pitman, praying compensation for his services in transporting the mail: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit to the Secretary of War the original despatches of General Taylor, which accompanied the message of the President of the 11th instant.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That Jacob B. Clarke have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Pearce submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for distributing among the officers and soldiers of the army the value of any public property captured by them from the enemy.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That Samuel and James Smith have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (S. R. 17) for the relief of Peter Gorman.

Mr. Pennybacker, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 192) to authorize the clerks of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of Virginia to appoint deputies, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bagby, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 193) to relinquish to the State of Alabama the public land remaining unsold in that State on the first day of January, 1847: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed, by a resolution of the Senate, to inquire whether any, and what legislation by Congress is necessary to give effect to the 11th article of the treaty of San Lorenzo el Real, of the 27th October, 1795, between the United States and Spain, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 194) supplementary to, and to amend an act entitled "An act to continue in force an act to protect the commerce of the United States, and also to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy," approved 18th May, 1820.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a petition of citizens of Arkansas, reported a bill (S. 195) to increase the compensation of deputy surveyors in Arkansas: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire into the subject, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 25) respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (S. 196) in relation to the July term of the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The resolution (S. R. 14) for the relief of Putney and Riddle, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 88) to amend the act approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Mississippi and Alabama south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers," with the amendments made in Committee of the Whole.

On the question to concur in the following amendment:

Insert the following section:

"SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted, That so much of the said several acts as render it necessary that the claimant or claimants should have resided in Louisiana at the time of the cession of the province, or at the time when the grant, concession, order of survey, or settlement was made, in order to enable them to bring suit, and in order to bar their claim forever if they neglect to do so, be repealed:*"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to concur in the following amendment:

Insert the following amended section:

"SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That all the provisions of this act, and of those to which it is supplementary, be, and they are hereby, extended to the Territory of Iowa:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Chalmers, John M. Clayton,

Colquitt, Corwin, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Miller, Pearce, Rusk, Sevier, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, Dickinson, Fairfield, Jenness, Lewis, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

The residue of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole being concurred in:

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1846.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a mail route from Clarendon to Surrounded Hill, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Thomas Bryant, heir of William Bryant, deceased, an officer in the naval service during the revolutionary war, praying compensation for the services of his ancestor: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Mangum submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the sergeant-at-arms be authorized to employ the necessary force to work the ventilator on the dome of the Senate chamber; and that the same be paid for out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled resolution (S. R. 17) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Philip Slaughter, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

The bill (S. 88) to amend the act approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Mississippi and Alabama south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes:" and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 41) providing for an augmentation of the naval force of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Monday, the first of June.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 28, 1846.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Oswego county, New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent granted to Jethro Wood for an improvement in the plough.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Louisiana, in favor of an appropriation for removing obstructions to the navigation of the Sabine river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Louisiana, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the reimbursement of the money advanced by the State of Louisiana for the public service in Texas, and to urge on Congress the expediency of establishing a naval station at New Orleans, and constructing additional naval steamers: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Louisiana, in favor of the erection of light-houses at the mouth of the bayou Bonfouca, and the mouth of the river Tanchipaho: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Semple presented the memorial of Peter Von Schmidt, praying that the government may purchase his improvement in the rotary steam engine and submerged propeller, for the use of the navy: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire whether the improvements made by Peter Von Schmidt in the rotary steam engine and submerged propeller can be advantageously introduced into the service of the United States; and what sum will be required to test their value.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, (with the concurrence of the House of Representatives,) That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives close the present session of Congress by an adjournment of their respective houses on Monday, the 20th day of July next.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the memorial of Henry Simpson, submitted an adverse report: which was read.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of E. A. Ware, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 196) in relation to the July term of the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio.

They have also passed the bill from the Senate (S. 148) establishing certain post routes, and for other purposes, with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 26) presenting the thanks of Congress to Brigadier General Taylor, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, 1801: and,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (S. 166) for the relief of Asenath Canney, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit a copy of a note, under date the 26th instant, from the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of her Britannic Majesty to the Secretary of State, communicating a despatch, under date the 4th instant,

received by him from her Majesty's principal secretary of state for foreign affairs.

From these it will be seen that the claims of the two governments upon each other, for a return of duties which had been levied in violation of the commercial convention of 1815, have been finally and satisfactorily adjusted. In making this communication, I deem it proper to express my satisfaction at the prompt manner in which the British government has acceded to the suggestion of the Secretary of State for the speedy termination of this affair.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *May* 28, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes.

A motion being made by Mr. Benton, that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with certain instructions:

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1846.

The Vice President presented the petition of Rezin Tevis, a sergeant major in the last war with Great Britain, praying an increase of pension and an allowance of bounty land: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Chalmers presented the petition of Thomas B. Winston, praying the repayment of the amount of a judgment obtained against him by the United States, and paid into the treasury: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of importers of watches, jewelry, and precious stones, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying that the duties on these articles may not be increased: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of Elias Burnell and Nahum E. Jenison, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted on a quantity of raw hides brought into the United States from Canada: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Atchison submitted additional documents relative to the petitions of George Ramey and Thomas T. January: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Corwin presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying the establishment of a post route from Lebanon to Wilmington, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Webster presented the petition of Boonen Graves and Company, and others, merchants in New York, praying the repayment of the duties

paid by them on certain importations of coffee: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 148) entitled "An act establishing certain post routes and for other purposes;" also, the bill (S. 196) entitled "An act in relation to the July term of the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio;" and that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled resolution (S. R. 17) for the relief of Peter Gorman.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bill and joint resolutions:

H. R. 50. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, and for other purposes;

H. R. 34. Resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men;

H. R. 35. Joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a joint committee of Congress to attend the annual examination at the West Point Academy:

in which bill and resolutions they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act (S. 17) for the relief of Peter Gorman."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Berrien asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 197) relating to, and increasing the duties of, the Attorney General: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan to fix a day for the adjournment of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Sevier, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Haywood, Jarnagin, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Pennybacker, Sevier, Speight, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Bright, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Hous-

ton, Huntington, Jenness, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to Monday, the 8th instant.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills this day reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The resolution (H. R. 34) presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men, was read.

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.

The resolution (H. R. 35) authorizing the appointment of a committee of Congress to attend the annual examination at the West Point Academy, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Dix:

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

The bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 286) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Niles:

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table, and that the proposed amendment, with a communication from the Postmaster General, be printed.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the two enrolled bills (S. 148, S. 196) this day reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of Congress to attend the annual examination at the West Point Academy: and,

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, June 1, 1846.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Abigail Edgerly, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of merchants and others, citizens of New York, praying the adoption of measures for establishing commercial intercourse between the United States and Japan: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Lewis presented the memorial of Dudley Walker, a purser in the

navy, praying to be allowed a credit on his accounts for commissions on certain disbursements, and for clerk hire and other expenses incurred for the public service: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Meigs D. Benjamin, praying the repayment of duties alleged to have been illegally exacted of him by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the claim of the owners of the brig General Armstrong: and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Wednesday next.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill (S. 198) to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes in the Territory of Oregon, and to preserve peace and cultivate friendship with and among the said Indians: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Philip F. Dering and Robert H. Champion, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 199) to grant a right of preemption to Philip Dering and Robert H. Champion.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Smith Cram, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5) to establish the Smithsonian institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David Currier.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 13) appropriating alternate sections of the public lands for the improvement of Pearl river: and,

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 29th of May, 1846, the following acts:

An act establishing certain post routes, and for other purposes.

An act in relation to the July term of the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army, with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the following bills and resolution:

H. R. 122. An act for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones;

H. R. 130. An act for the relief of Nathan Smith, Charles K. Smith, and others;

H. R. 10. Joint resolution for the relief of Seth M. Leavenworth: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army: and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 122) for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The bill (H. R. 130) for the relief of Nathan Smith, Charles K. Smith, and others, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The joint resolution (H. R. 10) for the relief of Seth M. Leavenworth, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes.

A motion being made by Mr. Benton, to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with certain instructions:

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Mangum; and the question being put on referring the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the affirmative: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1846.

Mr. Jarnagin presented the memorial of C. M. Hitchcock, executor of A. R. S. Hunter, deceased, praying compensation for provisions furnished by his testator to the Cherokee Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of citizens of Newark, New Jersey, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Morehead presented the petition of Garret Burns, praying a pension in consideration of wounds received in the military service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Morehead presented the petition of Polly Biggs, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Haywood presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Raleigh, North Carolina, approving the action of Congress in relation to the war with Mexico, and pledging their support to the government in bringing that war to a speedy conclusion; also declaring their high sense

of the valor and good conduct of General Taylor, and the army under his command, in the late victories over the Mexican army.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be furnished to the Senate an estimate of the amount of money required during the present and next fiscal year, for such a prosecution of the existing war with Mexico as will most likely result in its speedy and honorable termination.

Resolved, That he also cause to be reported to the Senate, whether the amount so required is likely to be realized, in the present condition of our finances, without a resort to loans, treasury notes, or direct taxes; and if not, what modifications of the existing tariff are required to furnish ample means for the vigorous prosecution of such war.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions, by unanimous consent: and an amendment being proposed by Mr. Crittenden:

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolutions be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Finance on the memorial of Henry Simpson: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 26) presenting the thanks of Congress to Brigadier General Taylor, and for other purposes: and

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Houston:

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The resolution from the House of Representatives, (H. R. 34,) presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men, was read the second time: and,

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 7) to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes; together with the instructions proposed by Mr. Benton to be given to the Committee on the Judiciary: and,

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the instructions lie on the table.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 3, 1846.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, praying the relinquishment, by the United States, of the stock held by them in that company: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bagby presented the petition of Wade Allen, praying compensation for carrying the United States mail: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Archer presented four petitions of citizens of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying the passage of the bill, now pending before Congress, providing for the retrocession of the county of Alexandria to the State of Virginia: which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Benton presented a memorial of the militia officers of the State of Maryland, residing in Baltimore, praying the adoption of certain improvements in the militia system for the better protection of the cities and towns on the seaboard and lake frontiers; which was referred to the Committee on the Militia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker presented five petitions of citizens of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying the passage of the bill, now pending before Congress, providing for the retrocession of the town and county of Alexandria to the State of Virginia: which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Helena, in Phillips county, Arkansas, on the west side of the Mississippi river, to the mouth of White river.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That Lorenzo N. Clarke have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 450) for the allowance of drawback on merchandise imported into certain districts of the United States from the British North American provinces, and exported to foreign countries, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 192) to authorize the clerks of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of Virginia to appoint deputies, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 13) appropriating alternate sections of the public lands for the improvement of Pearl river; and having been amended:

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported yesterday from the Committee on Finance, relative to the provision required to be made for the prosecution of the war with Mexico: and, having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Crittenden, the resolutions were agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be furnished to the Senate an estimate of the amount of money required during the present and next fiscal year, for such a prosecution of the existing war with Mexico as will most likely result in its speedy and honorable termination.

Resolved, That he also cause to be reported to the Senate, whether the amount so required is likely to be realized, in the present condition of our finances, without a resort to loans, treasury notes, or direct taxes; and if not, what modifications of the existing tariff are required to furnish ample means for the vigorous prosecution of such war.

Resolved, That he also be requested to communicate to the Senate, whether, in the event of the deficiency contemplated in the preceding resolution, he would recommend a resort to loans, treasury notes, direct taxes, or a modification of the tariff, to supply that deficiency, or what other measures, if any, he would recommend for the purpose.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 6) in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 29 / Nays, ... 6

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Berrien, Breese, Thomas Clayton, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Barrow, Chalmers, Lewis, McDuffie, Speight.

So it was

Ordered, That this resolution be engrossed, and read a third time.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 4, 1846.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Edward H. Miles, praying to be allowed to change the registry of a vessel purchased by him at a marshal's sale in the port of Philadelphia: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of the town and county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying that the bill now pending before Congress for the retrocession of said town and county to the State

of Virginia may not become a law: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate whether any officer of the army, during the past or present year, has called volunteers or militia into the service of the United States without legal authority therefor; and if so, what is the number of said force, how it has been organized, and whether officers of the line or staff have been appointed contrary to law. And whether such calls, if made, were necessary, and the probable amount they will cost, and whether any advantages have resulted, or are likely to result, therefrom; and also, what measures the Department of War adopted for the defence of the southern frontier of the United States during the same period.

Mr. Lewis submitted a communication, addressed to him, as chairman of the Committee on Finance, by the Postmaster General, relative to an appropriation for the establishment of a magnetic telegraph between Mobile and New Orleans, with a view to suppressing private expresses between those points: which was ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes," with amendments: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 200) to divide the district of Arkansas into two judicial districts.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred a report of the Secretary of War in relation to Putnam's ploughing and dredging machine, submitted a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That any further legislation upon the subject is inexpedient, and that Mrs. Putnam have leave to withdraw such papers as she has filed in the case.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 287) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847; and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Simmons, a further amendment was proposed by Mr. Lewis: and,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of George Catlin, proposing to dispose of his collection illustrative of the natural history and condition of the Indian tribes of North America: which was referred to the Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Webster presented the memorial of Henry Stevens, a citizen of the United States, residing in England, praying that the Library of the British Museum may be supplied with copies of the public documents, or State papers, printed by the order of Congress: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. McDuffie submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office furnish to the Senate the number of acres contained in the two upper tracts of the Houmas land claim, numbered in the transcripts of decisions Nos. 127 and 133, as laid before the board of commissioners and confirmed; and also, the number of acres of said grant, included in the patents issued the 12th of August, 1844, and the number of acres included in the decision of the board of commissioners, under the survey ordered by Governor Claiborne, and excluded in the patents issued as aforesaid, and the situation of the lands so excluded; also, the number of patents issued upon said claim, by the land office, within the limits patented on the 12th of August, 1844, as aforesaid, and the number of acres claimed under the patents previously issued; and also, the number of the said patents which have been surrendered to the General Land Office by the parties holding the same, and the amount of purchase money refunded thereon; the number of applications by persons holding floats within the limits embraced in the patents of that date, to the land office, since the 12th of August, 1844, to have those floats patented by the government up to this date, with a copy of each application; and also, the number of applications which have been made for a refunding of purchase money; and also, what amount of purchase money has been refunded upon entries made within the limits of the Houmas land claim since the issuing of the patents on the 12th of August, 1844, and the number of acres upon which the purchase money has been refunded.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the grant of alternate sections of the public lands along the line of all public improvements which may be constructed by a State of the Union within which the public lands are situated; and also, a similar grant along the line of rivers the navigation of which may require improvement.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 22d ultimo, calling for information upon the subject of the treaties which were concluded between the late republic of Texas and England and France, respectively, I transmit a report from the Secretary of State, and the documents by which it was accompanied.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *June 5*, 1846.

The message was read, and ordered to be printed, with the accompanying documents.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (*H. R.* 182) for the relief of John R. Williams, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 10) for the relief of Seth M. Leavenworth, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel R. Read, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 24) to establish a permanent general pre-emption system in favor of actual settlers on the public lands: and,

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Wednesday, the 10th instant.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 13) appropriating alternate sections of the public lands for the improvement of Pearl river: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 15

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Breese, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Greene, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Webster, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Bagby, Berrien, Bright, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Dickinson, Fairfield, Haywood, Jenness, McDuffie, Mangum, Niles, Pennybacker, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Cass, in relation to any unauthorized calls, by any officer in the army, for volunteer or militia force during the past or present year, and the number and organization of the same.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun, that the resolution lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 11 / Nays, ... 36

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Breese, Calhoun, Chalmers, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Rusk, Sevier, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Berrien, Bright, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

The resolution having been amended, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate whether any officer of the army, during the past or present year, has called volunteers or militia into the service of the United States without legal authority therefor; and, if so, what is the number of said force, how it has been organized, and whether officers of the line or staff have been appointed contrary to law; whether any and what measures have been adopted by the President, or the Department of War, or any other authority under his direction, in relation to such officer, or the troops so called into service.

Resolved, further, That the President be requested to furnish the Senate with any correspondence which may have taken place between the Secretary of War and Major General Scott, of the United States army, upon the subject of his taking the command of the army of occupation on the frontiers of Texas, and with a copy of any letter or letters written by General Scott to General Taylor, with the knowledge of the Secretary of War; and that the President also be requested to further inform the Senate whether any order was at any time given by the President, or Secretary of War, to General Scott to proceed to the Rio Grande, or to take the command of the army, and, if so, to communicate a copy of that order, and whether he has not been daily engaged in the discharge of indispensable duties at Washington, under the direction and by the expressed wishes of the Secretary of War, and how he has been engaged; and whether General Scott has not tendered himself to the Department of War as ready and willing to take the command of the army to prosecute the war against Mexico, whenever the President should require his services, and whether he has not asked that command as due to him from his rank in the army.

Resolved, further, That the President be requested to furnish the Senate with copies of the correspondence between General Edmund P. Gaines and the government, from the 1st of June, A. D. 1845, to the present time, upon the subject of volunteers or militia ordered to the frontiers of Texas.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, June 6, 1846.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of Jesse Haven, guardian of Artemas Conant, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of the Boston Marine Society, praying the erection of a light-house on Minot's ledge, in Boston bay: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, praying the erection of a light-house on Minot's ledge, in Boston bay: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Crittenden presented a memorial of western merchants, praying that Louisville, Cincinnati, Wheeling, and Pittsburg may be made ports of entry: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of certain citizens of Missouri, praying that the land districts of Fayette and Palmyra may not be formed into one district.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Thomas Hunt and Company, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Charles L. Roberts, surviving partner of the firm of Freeman, Cobb, and Company, merchants in the city of New York, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been unlawfully exacted by the collector of that port: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Wright and Sturgis, praying the repayment of the duties alleged to have been unlawfully exacted by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 40) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian."

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of William B. Foster, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

The bill (S. 13) appropriating alternate sections of the public lands for the improvement of Pearl river, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Niles,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Breese, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Greene, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Bagby, Berrien, Bright, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Turney.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The resolution (S. R. 6) in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. McDuffie, in relation to the quantity of land in certain private land claims, and the proportion thereof for which patents have been issued: and the resolution was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (S. 40,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 40) for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill this day reported to have been examined, (S. 40,) and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, 1801: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Sevier, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Haywood, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Pennybacker, Rusk, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolutions of the Senate of the 10th, 11th, and 22d of April last, I communicate herewith a report from the Secretary of State, accompanied with the correspondence between the government of the United States and that of Great Britain in the years 1840, 1841, 1842, and 1843, respecting the right or practice of visiting or searching merchant vessels in time of peace; and also, the protest addressed by the minister of the United States at Paris, in the year 1842, against the concurrence of France in the quintuple treaty; together with all correspondence relating thereto.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *June* 6, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed, with the accompanying documents.

On motion by Mr. Cass, "that five thousand copies, in addition to the *usual number,* be printed for the use of the Senate:"

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Ordered, That the further consideration of this motion be postponed to Monday next.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 40) this day reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 286) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847: and having been amended, and a further amendment being proposed:

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1846.

Mr. Bagby submitted additional documents relating to the petition of the administrator of Jacob Housman, deceased: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That Samuel Proileau have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate the report of the expedition led by Lieutenant Abert on the upper Arkansas, and through the country of the Camanche Indians, in the fall of the year 1845.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform the Senate whether any measures have been taken to carry into effect the second and the sixth articles of the treaty with the Chippewa Indians, entered into at La Pointe on the 4th day of October, 1842, so far as the same relate to the removal of those Indians from the mineral lands of lake Superior; and whether any and what suitable country has been, or is intended to be, provided for the future residence of those Indians.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of James F. Sothoron, praying compensation for the destruction of his property by the enemy during the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Houston submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That hereafter the Senate shall meet at 10 o'clock, a. m.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the memorial of certain citizens of New York, relating to the execution of a painting by Professor Morse, be printed.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of James Smalley, agent for a regiment of Vermont militia, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 201) for the payment of the fourth regiment in the second brigade of the third division of the Vermont militia, for services at the battle of Plattsburg.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1) to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for

the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, reported it with amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 136. An act for the relief of the heirs of Doctor John Gray, deceased;

H. R. 146. An act for the relief of John Stockton, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States;

H. R. 157. An act granting a pension to Orris Crosby;

H. R. 158. An act granting a pension to Elijah C. Babbit;

H. R. 162. An act for the relief of Isaiah Parker;

H. R. 165. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Enochs:

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 146 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bills numbered 136 and 165 be referred to the Committee of Claims; and that the bills numbered 157, 158, and 162, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes:" and,

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. N. P. Trist:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 6th instant the bill (S. 40) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. N. P. Trist:

To the Senate of the United States:

I communicate herewith a report from the Secretary of War, transmitting the correspondence, called for by the resolution of the Senate of the 5th instant, with *General Edmund P. Gaines* and *General Winfield Scott,* of the army of the United States.

The report of the Secretary of War, and the accompanying correspondence with *General Gaines,* contain all the information in my possession in relation to calls for "volunteers or militia into the service of the United States," "by any officer of the army," without legal "authority therefor," and of the "measures which have been adopted" "in relation to such officer or troops so called into service."

In addition to the information contained in the report of the Secretary of War, and the accompanying correspondence with "Major General Scott, *of the United* States army, upon the subject of his taking the command of

the army of occupation on the frontier of Texas," I state, that on the same day on which I approved and signed the act of the 13th of May, 1846, entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico," I communicated to *General Scott*, through the Secretary of War, and also in a personal interview with that officer, my desire that he should take command of the army on the Rio Grande, and of the volunteer forces which I informed him it was my intention forthwith to call out to march to that frontier, to be employed in the prosecution of the war against Mexico. The tender of the command to General Scott was voluntary on my part, and was made without any request or intimation on the subject from him. It was made in consideration of his rank as commander-in-chief of the army. My communications with General Scott, assigning him the command, were verbal; first through the Secretary of War, and afterwards in person. No written order was deemed to be necessary. General Scott assented to assume the command; and on the following day I had another interview with him and the Secretary of War, in relation to the number, and apportionment among the several States, of the volunteer forces to be called out for immediate service; the forces which were to be organized and held in readiness, subject to a future call should it become necessary; and other military preparations and movements to be made with a view to the vigorous prosecution of the war. It was distinctly settled, and was well understood by General Scott, that he was to command the army in the war against Mexico, and so continued to be settled and understood, without any other intention on my part, until the Secretary of War submitted to me the letter of General Scott, addressed to him under date of the 21st of May, 1846, a copy of which is herewith communicated. The character of that letter made it proper, in my judgment, to change my determination in regard to the command of the army, and the Secretary of War, by my direction, in his letter of the 25th of May, 1846, a copy of which is also herewith communicated, for the reasons therein assigned, informed General Scott that he was relieved from the command of the army destined to prosecute the war against Mexico, and that he would remain in the discharge of his duties at Washington. The command of the army on the frontier of Mexico has since been assigned to General Taylor, with his brevet rank of major general, recently conferred upon him.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *June* 8, 1846.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and with the accompanying documents be printed, with the exception of explanatory notes from Colonel A. Butler.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan the 28th May, fixing a day for the adjournment of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Lewis, that the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Houston, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Semple, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to Monday next.

The bill (S. 68) to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations prior to the 31st day of July, 1801, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Sevier, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Haywood, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 9, 1846.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to furnish the Senate with a copy of such portion of a letter from Commodore Lawrence Kearney, United States navy, dated on or about the 31st ultimo, as relates to a dock at the navy yard, Pensacola.

Mr. Turney submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from arrest and seizure the per-

s and property of volunteers for debt, during their continuance in the tary service of the United States.

[r. Yulee submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be cted to inquire into the best means of establishing a regular communi- on, by mail, between St. Augustine and Key West, and between Key st and Pensacola; and particularly, whether the steamers connected ı the revenue service can be employed in such purpose, without injury ıe public service.

[r. Crittenden submitted the following resolution; which was consid- l, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to in- e into the expediency of such appropriations as may be necessary to y into effect a contract made on the part of the government with J. Bte. ribault and Pelagie Ferribault, for the purchase of the island at the fluence of the rivers St. Peter's and Mississippi.

[r. Crittenden submitted documents relating to the contract with J. B. ribault and Pelagie Ferribault for the purchase of Pike's island, at the :tion of the St. Peter's and Mississippi rivers: which were referred to the mmittee on Military Affairs.

'he Senate proceeded to consider the motion made by Mr. Cass, to t five thousand additional copies of the message of the President of the ted States of the 6th instant, with the accompanying correspondence:

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

[r. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill (S. 197) relative to and increasing the duties of the Attorney Gen- , reported it without amendment.

[r. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred bill (H. R. 181) for the relief of Langtry and Jenkins, reported it with- amendment.

[r. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred memorial of Jonathan Tyner, submitted an adverse report: which was ;red to be printed.

[r. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom referred the resolution (H. R. 6) authorizing the erection, on the public nds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington, ırted it without amendment.

'he Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Houston; which having been modified as follows:

Resolved, That hereafter the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, a. m.

)n motion by Mr. Webster, that the further consideration of the resolu- be postponed to Monday next:

t was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

'he yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, 'hose who voted in the affirmative are,

[essrs. Archer, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. yton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Haywood, Hunt- on, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller,

Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 5th instant by Mr. Yulee, respecting the grant of alternate sections of the public lands along the line of public improvements, and of rivers requiring improvement: and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton the 8th instant, respecting the report of an expedition under Lieutenant Abert, on the upper Arkansas: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 8th instant by Mr. Woodbridge, respecting the removal of the Chippewa Indians from the mineral lands of lake Superior: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the claim of the owners of the brig General Armstrong.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana:

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the report lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 15th instant.

On motion by Mr. Mangum, that the Senate resume the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Sevier the 23d April, relating to a compilation of treasury instructions in relation to revenue laws:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Berrien, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Pearce, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Niles, Pennybacker, Phelps, Speight, Turney, Upham, Westcott.

So the motion was not agreed to.

. message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:
Ir. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amend-
ıt, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill (S. 120) making alterations in
pay department of the army; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes
he two houses; and have appointed Mr. Haralson, Mr. McClelland,
Mr. Edwin H. Ewing, managers on their part.
'he House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 8) to authorize
President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the
es of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa,
posed to contain lead ore: in which they request the concurrence of the
ate: also, a bill (H. R. 237) to amend the act entitled "An act to grant
ıantity of land to the Territory of Wisconsin, for the purpose of aiding
)pening a canal to connect the waters of lake Michigan with those of
k river:" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.
[r. Sevier, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring
resolution (S. 27) to correct a clerical error in the act approved June
846, for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Chero-
Indian: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous
ɜent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amend-
ıt being made, it was reported to the Senate.
rdered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.
'he said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.
'esolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.
rdered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of
resentatives therein.
'he Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration
he bill (H. R. 286) making appropriations for the service of the Post
ce Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847; together with an
ndment proposed by Mr. Niles: and,
fter debate,
n motion by Mr. John M. Clayton, that the Senate adjourn:
; was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Speight,
'he yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
'hose who voted in the affirmative are,
[essrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, John M. Clay-
Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Haywood, Huntington,
ıagin, Johnson, of Maryland, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead,
:s, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.
'hose who voted in the negative are,
[essrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix,
field, Houston, Jenness, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Rusk, Sevier,
ight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.
o the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 10, 1846.

[r. Westcott presented a copy of a constitution for a State government,
)ted by the people of the Territory of Iowa in convention May 18, 1846:
ch was referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered to be
ted.

On motion by Mr. Westcott, that five thousand copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate:

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Greene presented a memorial of the representatives of the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends for New England, deprecating the evils of war, and praying the adoption of measures for perpetuating peaceful relations between the United States and foreign nations.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Greene, that the memorial be printed:

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate the aggregate amount appropriated by Congress since the 1st of July, 1836, for the removal of bars and other obstructions of mud, sand, &c., from the harbors and rivers of the United States; also, what proportion of such appropriations has been expended in dredging operations, including all expenses of such operations; also, the average cost per cubic yard in removing such obstructions.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the petition of Wade Allen, reported a bill (S. 202) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Pittman, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 203) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 162) for the relief of Isaiah Parker, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 157) granting a pension to Orris Crosby, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 94) for the relief of James Hillman, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pearce also submitted an adverse report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives, disagreed to by the Senate, and insisted on by the House of Representatives, to the bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army: and

Resolved, That they insist on their disagreement to the said amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate consist of three members, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Dix, Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, and Mr. Houston, were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

e Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by urney; which was amended, as follows:
olved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire ie authority and expediency of exempting from arrest and seizure rsons and property of volunteers for debt, during their continuance military service of the United States: and,
the question to agree to the resolution,
as determined in the negative.
e Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by ulee; which was amended, and agreed to, as follows:
olved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be ed to inquire into the expediency of providing effectual means for shing a regular communication by mail between St. Augustine ey West, and between Key West and Pensacola, or other port in lf of Mexico.
e bill from the House of Representatives (H. R. 8) to authorize the ent of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, ed to contain lead ore, was read the first and second times, by unani- consent.
e bill (H. R. 237) to amend the act entitled "An act to grant a ty of land to the Territory of Wisconsin, for the purpose of aiding ning a canal to connect the waters of lake Michigan with those of river," was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.
ered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.
e Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration bill (S. 43) for the relief of Elijah White: and,
On motion by Mr. Dix,
ered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to- w.
iessage from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their

President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the ing titles:
R. 14. An act to define the boundaries of the State of Iowa, and to so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, as relates to the bound- f Iowa;
R. 105. An act granting certain lands to the Territory of Iowa, to aid improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river, in said Ter-

R. 321. An act to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of the ridge tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin," approved 3, 1843, and for other purposes;
R. 375. An act to equalize the compensation of the surveyors gene- he public lands of the United States, and for other purposes;
R. 374. An act to grant a certain quantity of land to aid in the im- nent of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and to connect the same by l in the Territory of Wisconsin;
R. 408. An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the county k, in the Territory of Iowa, to enter a quarter section of land for a justice;
R. 439. An act disaffirming all laws of the Territories of Iowa and nsin, granting banking privileges;

H. H. 445. An act to establish an additional land office in Iowa;

H. R. 106. An act to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union:

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes:" and

On the question to agree to the following amendment:

Section 1, line 5, strike out the words "two major generals," and insert in lieu thereof "*one major general*," and strike out "four," and insert "*two*:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Houston, Jarnagin, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Yulee.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 11, 1846.

Mr. Rusk submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing an additional judicial district in the State of Texas, and fixing the times and places of holding the district courts of the United States in said State.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a memorial of James F. Sothoron, praying compensation for the destruction of his property by the enemy in the year 1814: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Cocke, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, the 1st of April, on the subject of printing the laws relating to pensions, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution: and,

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of

printing the memorial of the representatives of the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends for New England: and

Ordered, That the memorial be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion by Mr. Cass, to print five thousand copies in addition to the usual number of the message of the President of the United States of the 6th instant, with the accompanying correspondence, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said motion: and

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the message of the President of the United States, and the accompanying correspondence, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Philip Slaughter: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

Mr. Jenness having been, on his motion, excused from serving on the Committee on Finance:

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President in his stead: and

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, was appointed.

The nine bills yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 321 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; that the bills numbered 14, 105, 439, be referred to the Committee on Territories; and that the bills numbered 106, 373, 374, 408, 445, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 120) entitled "An act making alterations in the pay department of the army," reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after free and full conference on the subject of the said disagreeing votes, have unanimously agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to the respective houses, as follows:

"That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the House, with the exception of the proviso, by which the additional officers to be appointed in the pay department 'shall continue in service only so long as the increase of the rank and file of the army may be necessary, as authorized and provided for in an act passed during the present session;' and that the House recede from so much of its amendment to the original bill as is contained in the said proviso.

"Should the recommendation of the conferees be adopted by the two houses, the effect will be to substitute for the two sections of the original bill the following:

"That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint three additional paymasters, to be attached to the pay department of the army.

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers appointed in virtue of this act shall perform the same duties, receive the same pay and allowances, as the present paymasters of the army, and shall in like manner be subject to the rules and articles of war; and previous to entering upon the duties of their office shall give such bonds to the United States as the Secretary of War may direct for the faithful performance of their duties.

"The effect of the foregoing substitute is to strike from the original bill the provision authorizing the appointment of an assistant paymaster general, and the provision repealing so much of the act of the fifteenth of May, eighteen hundred and twenty, as limits the tenure of the office of paymasters of the army, so that the limitation will remain in full force. Its further effect is to modify the amendments of the House, so as to place the three additional paymasters to be appointed on the same footing as the paymasters of the army now in service."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a motion by Mr. Westcott to print five thousand additional copies of the constitution of Iowa, reported adversely thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion: and,

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. N. P. Trist:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of War, which is accompanied by documents relating to General Gaines's calls for volunteers, received since the answer was made to the resolution of the Senate of the 5th instant on that subject; and which I deem it proper to submit for the further information of the Senate.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *June* 11, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives *concur* in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army.

They have passed a bill (H. R. 454) further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 454) last mentioned, from the House of Representatives, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes."

On motion by Mr. Hannegan, the vote of yesterday, disagreeing to the first amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill, was reconsidered.

On the question to agree to the said amendment, viz:

"*Sec. 1, line 5*, strike out the words 'two major generals,' and in-

sert, in lieu thereof, '*one major general*,' and, in the same line, strike out 'four,' and insert '*two*:'"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Berrien, Breese, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Haywood, Houston, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Huntington, to amend the second amendment, by striking out the following words: "the President of the United States is authorized and directed to select from the whole number which may then be in office, without regard to the date of their commissions, the number to be retained, and cause the remainder to be discharged from the service of the United States;" and, in lieu thereof, inserting, "it shall be the duty of the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to discharge such of the general officers as may be then in service, as shall be necessary to accomplish said reduction:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 31

On motion by Mr. Archer,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Houston, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So the proposed amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the said second amendment, as follows:

"Sec. 1, line 7, after the word establishment, insert: *Provided*, That when the war with Mexico shall terminate, the number of major generals in the army shall be reduced to one; and the President of the United States is authorized and directed to select from the whole number which may then be in office, without regard to the date of their commissions, the number to be retained, and cause the remainder to be discharged from the service of the United States:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12 / Nays, ... 39

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Fairfield, Hannegan, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

The residue of the amendments having been considered,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the first, fourth, and sixth amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill; that they agree to the third amendment, with an amendment; and that they disagree to the second, fifth, and seventh amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the Houmas land claim: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, on the subject of a dock at the navy yard at Pensacola: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying that an allowance may be made to the widow and children of the late Judge Randall, in consideration of his extra services as circuit judge of the eastern district of Pennsylvania: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of Lawr. Taliaferro, praying to be indemnified for a judgment against him for a quantity of whiskey seized and disposed of by him as United States Indian agent: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Houston presented the petition of Charles Black, praying indemnity for the seizure and detention by an officer of the United States of the schooner "Ann M. Briggs:" which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Houston presented the petition of John Pederson, praying indemnity for the seizure and detention by an officer of the United States of the schooner "Creole:" which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Houston presented a memorial of E. P. Calkin and Company, praying indemnity for the illegal seizure of goods by the collector at Galveston: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Houston presented a document relating to claims of A. Lewis and Company, and Martin and Cobb, praying to be indemnified for the seizure of goods by the collector at Galveston, alleged to have been made illegally: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of John McCloud, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to pay, in equal portions, to Ellen Sanders, Mary Ann Sanders, and Elizabeth Sanders, sisters of Lewis Sanders, deceased, late an assistant messenger, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to defray funeral expenses, and the balance of pay of the said Lewis Sanders from the time of his death to the close of the present session of Congress; and also the additional compensation usually allowed, for his strict and faithful attention to the duties of his office.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, by unanimous consent: and

Resolved, That it pass.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the fortieth rule for conducting business in the Senate, and which requires the Senate to close its doors when transacting Executive business, be rescinded; and that the Senate shall hereafter sit with open doors when transacting all business.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. N. P. Trist:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith, for the information of Congress, official reports received at the War Department from the officer commanding the army on the Mexican frontier, giving a detailed report of the operations of the army in that quarter, and particularly of the recent engagements between the American and Mexican forces.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *June* 12, 1846.

The message was read, and, with the accompanying papers, ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 408) to authorize the constituted authorities of the county of Polk, in the Territory of Iowa, to enter a quarter section of land for a seat of justice, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Mangum, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 28) for the relief of William H. Thomas: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Rusk, in relation to the establishment of a judicial district in the State of Texas; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Finance on the petition of E. A. Ware: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That this claim be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Smith Cram: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of William B. Foster: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the memorialist is not entitled to any relief as prayed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce in relation to a further experiment of Putnam's ploughing and dredging machine: and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the claim of the owners of the brig General Armstrong: and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Secretary of State.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 43) for the relief of Elijah White: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 25

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Dayton, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the bill was rejected.

The resolution (S. R. 7) for the relief of Orlando Saltmarsh and William Fuller was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 54) for the relief of Nathaniel Phillips was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following bills were read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 55. A bill for the relief of J. Throckmorton;

S. 56. A bill giving the assent of Congress to a change of the compact entered into between the United States and the State of Arkansas, on her admission into the Union: and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 30) for the relief of Benjamin Adams and Company, and others: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 120) entitled "An act making alterations in the pay department of the army."

The bill (S. 59) providing for the purchase and distribution of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States among the several States and Territories, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives recede from their fifth amendment to the bill (S. 185) "supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes;'" they recede from so much of their seventh amendment as is embraced in the 12th, 13th, and 14th sections, proposed to be added to the bill; insist on their second amendment disagreed to by the Senate; and, also, insist on so much of their seventh amendment as is contained in the 15th and 16th sections; and concur in the amendment of the Senate to their third amendment.

They have passed the resolution (S. R. 27) to correct a clerical error in the act approved June 6, 1846, for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

They have passed a resolution (H. R. 37) "to refund to States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers made by Generals Gaines and Taylor:" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 120) this day reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1846.

Mr. Webster presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Lowell, Massachusetts, approving the measures of the general government on the subject of the war with Mexico, and expressing their desire to aid in its successful prosecution.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Jarnagin presented a petition of the heirs of Sour John, (a Cherokee chief,) deceased, praying to be allowed the amount found due them by the commissioners under the Cherokee treaty of 1835, and alleged to have been illegally paid by the United States agent to other persons: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of John T. Adams, assignee of Taylor, Little, and Company, praying that certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector at New York may be refunded, with interest: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of Charles W. Churchman, praying the repayment of certain duties alleged to have been illegally exacted by the collector at New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Webster submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider the expediency of providing by law that attachments of property, on processes issuing from the courts of the United States in the several States, shall be subject to be dissolved by the subsequent proceedings in insolvency of the defendants in such suits, in like manner as if the same were made under and by virtue of process issuing from the courts of the State.

Mr. John M. Clayton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to prepare for the use of the Senate a statement showing the number of vessels employed in the coasting trade; how many of such vessels are propelled by steam, and how many by sails; how many are rated by the custom-house admeasurement at seventy-five tons and less than one hundred and fifty tons; how many are rated at one hundred and fifty and less than two hundred and fifty tons; how many are rated at two hundred and fifty tons and less than three hundred and fifty tons; how many are rated at three hundred and fifty tons and less than five hundred tons; and how many are rated at five hundred tons and upwards.

Mr. Houston submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the necessity and propriety of making early and adequate provision for the erection of light-houses at the entrance of the harbors on the coast of Texas.

Mr. Houston submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the practicability, propriety, and expense of opening an inland navigation from the Sabine to Galveston, and thence to the mouth of the Rio Grande, as connected with the defence of the coast of Texas.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the necessity and propriety of making early and adequate provision for the survey, improvement, and permanent fortification of the principal harbors on the coast of Texas.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate copies of the reports of the board of engineers heretofore employed in an examination of the coast of Texas, with a view to its defence and improvement.

Mr. Allen having been, on his motion, excused from serving as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations:

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Ordered, That the Senate will proceed to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, to the election of a chairman to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (S. 27) to correct a clerical error in the act approved June 6, 1846, for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 373) to equalize the compensation of the surveyors general of the public lands of the United States, reported it with amendments: which were read.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 176) for the relief of the Mexican Railroad Company, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the heirs of Samuel Y. Keene, and from the further consideration of the memorial of the heirs of William Grayson.

The resolution from the House of Representatives (H. R. 37) to refund to States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers made by Generals Gaines and Taylor, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Houston the 8th instant.

On the question to agree to the resolution amended as follows:

"*Resolved,* That, hereafter, the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, a. m."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 29

On motion by Mr. Houston,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan the 28th of May, fixing a day for the adjournment of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

"That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to Monday, the 22d instant:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Dix, Evans, Haywood, Houston, Jenness, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Berrien, Bright, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Semple, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to Monday, the 22d instant.

On motion by Mr. Westcott, that the vote of the 12th instant, on the engrossment of the bill (S. 43) for the relief of Elijah White, be reconsidered:

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives, insisted on by that House, to the bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes:" and

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the said amendments, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate consist of three members, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Dix, Mr. Westcott, and Mr. Mangum, were appointed the committee on their part.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amendments, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes;" agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon; and have appointed Mr. Haralson, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. White a committee of conference on their part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, (S. R. 27,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 286) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1847: and having been amended,

On motion by Mr. Niles, further to amend the bill by inserting, between the 11th and 12th lines of the first section, the following: "and the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to apply twenty-five thousand dollars of the money appropriated for mail transportation for a line of mail steamers from the United States to Bremen; but no further sum shall be diverted to any other object than the transportation of the mail within the United States:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Niles,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Berrien, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Colquitt, Hannegan, Haywood, Houston, Jenness, McDuffie, Mangum, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 6) in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana, on its third reading.

On motion by Mr. Atchison, to recommit the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions: a debate ensued: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 16, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating original reports of the examination of the claims for spoliations by the American troops in West Florida, in the years 1814 and 1818, and the adjudication thereon: which was read, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and, with the accompanying abstract of claims, ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Navy, of the 12th instant, relative to a dock at the navy yard at Pensacola, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the heirs of General Thomas Nelson, of Virginia, have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Fairfield submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing James Wilson the regular compensation of a sailmaker, for services performed by him on board the United States ship Yorktown, on her late cruise.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 3d instant, I communicate, herewith, estimates prepared by the War and Navy Departments, of the probable expenses of conducting the existing war with Mexico, during the remainder of the present and the whole of the next fiscal year. I communicate also a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, based upon these estimates, containing recommendations of measures for raising the additional means required. It is probable that the actual expenses incurred during the period specified may fall considerably below the estimates submitted, which are for a larger number of troops than have yet been called to the field. As a precautionary measure, however, against any possible deficiency, the estimates have been made at the largest amount which any state of the service may require.

It will be perceived from the report of the Secretary of the Treasury that a considerable portion of the additional amount required may be raised by a modification of the rates of duty imposed by the existing tariff laws. The high duties at present levied on many articles totally exclude them from importation, whilst the quantity and amount of others which are imported are greatly diminished. By reducing these duties to a revenue standard, it is not doubted that a large amount of the articles on which they are imposed would be imported, and a corresponding amount of revenue be received at the treasury from this source. By imposing revenue duties on many articles now permitted to be imported free of duty, and by regulating the rates within the revenue standard upon others, a large additional revenue will be collected. Independently of the high considerations which induced me, in my annual message, to recommend a modification and reduction of the rates of duty imposed by the act of 1842 as being not only proper in reference to a state of peace, but just to all the great interests of the country, the necessity of such modification and reduction as a war measure must now be manifest. The country requires additional revenue for the prosecution of the war. It may be obtained, to a great extent, by reducing the prohibitory and highly protective duties imposed by the existing laws to revenue rates; by imposing revenue duties on the free list; and by modifying the rates of duty on other articles.

The modifications recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury in his annual report in December last, were adapted to a state of peace, and the additional duties now suggested by him are with a view strictly to raise revenue as a war measure. At the conclusion of the war these duties may and should be abolished, and reduced to lower rates.

It is not apprehended that the existing war with Mexico will materially affect our trade and commerce with the rest of the world. On the contrary, the reductions proposed would increase that trade, and augment the revenue derived from it.

When the country is in a state of war, no contingency should be permitted to occur in which there would be a deficiency in the treasury for

rigorous prosecution of the war; and, to guard against such an event, it commended that contingent authority be given to issue treasury notes, contract a loan for a limited amount, reimbursable at an early day. uld no occasion arise to exercise the power, still it may be important the authority should exist should there be a necessity for it.
is not deemed necessary to resort to direct taxes or excises, the meas- recommended being deemed preferable as a means of increasing the nue. It is hoped that the war with Mexico, if vigorously prosecuted, s contemplated, may be of short duration. I shall be at all times y to conclude an honorable peace, whenever the Mexican government l manifest a like disposition. The existing war has been rendered ssary by the acts of Mexico, and whenever that power shall be ready o us justice, we shall be prepared to sheathe the sword and tender to he olive branch of peace.

JAMES K. POLK.

ASHINGTON, *June* 16, 1846.

he message was read.
rdered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, and printed.
he following message was received from the President of the United es, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

he Senate of the United States:

transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of War, ac- panied by a report of an expedition led by Lieutenant Abert, on the er Arkansas, and through the country of the Camanche Indians, in all of the year 1845, as requested by the resolution of the Senate of ninth instant.

JAMES K. POLK.

ASHINGTON, *June* 15, 1846.

he message was read.
rdered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.
greeably to notice, Mr. J. M. Clayton asked and obtained leave to bring bill (S. 204) requiring apprentices to be employed on board vessels en- d in the coasting trade: which was read the first and second times, by nimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.
r. Morehead, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the ion of Pearson Cogswell, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. for his relief.
he bill was read, and passed to the second reading.
rdered, That the report be printed.
greeably to notice, Mr. Ashley asked and obtained leave to bring in a (S. 206) to grant a quantity of public land to the State of Arkansas for purposes of internal improvement: which was read the first and second s, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public ds.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,
rdered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the ner consideration of the memorial of the citizens of Pennsylvania in r of a pecuniary grant to the widow and children of the late Judge dall.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom were referred the petition of the heir and administrator of James Livingston, the petition of Jonathan Smith, the petition of Silvanus Smith, the petition of the administrator of William Torrey, and the memorial of Maria Maxwell, executrix of James Maxwell, deceased, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

The Vice President signed the enrolled joint resolution (S. R. 27) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The following bills and joint resolution having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 30. A bill for the relief of Benjamin Adams and Company, and others.

S. 55. A bill for the relief of J. Throckmorton.

S. 56. Bill giving the assent of Congress to a change of the compact entered into between the United States and the State of Arkansas on her admission into the Union.

S. 7. Joint resolution for the relief of Orlando Saltmarsh and William Fuller.

Resolved, That the said bills and resolution pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendments to the bill (H. R. 286) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives concur in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 185) supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes."

The bill from the House of Representatives (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution, on its third reading, (S. 6) in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana, together with a motion, by Mr. Atchison, to recommit the same: and,

On motion by Mr. Hannegan, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 30

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Breese, Bright, Chalmers, Colquitt, Davis, Dickinson, Hannegan, Houston, Jenness, Lewis, McDuffie, Morehead, Rusk, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the execution of the order for the appointment, by ballot, of a chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, in the place of Mr. Allen, excused: and it appearing, after counting the ballots, that no one had received a majority of the votes given:

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the further consideration of this subject be postponed until one o'clock, to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 17, 1846.

Mr. Allen presented a memorial of a committee of citizens of Cleveland, Ohio, praying an appropriation for the completion of the marine hospitals in the west: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented a document relating to the petition of Daniel Homans: which, with the petition and papers of Daniel Homans, on file, was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cass presented proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Detroit, Michigan, approving the measures adopted for carrying on the war with Mexico, and pledging their support to the government in any collision that may arise with another nation.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Cass presented a memorial of J. Vanderlyn and others, citizens of the United States, in Paris, praying Congress to purchase Catlin's collection of Indian portraits, &c.: which was refered to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Westcott presented a petition of Kingsley B. Gibbs, executor of Zephaniah Kingsley, deceased, praying payment of the interest awarded by a judgment of the superior court of East Florida, under the treaty of 1819 with Spain: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported "that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 167) for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain John Clitz, deceased."

Mr. Haywood, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 259) to retrocede the county of Alexan-

dria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 17th instant, the enrolled bill (S. 120) making alterations in the pay department of the army.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Abigail Edgerly, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Polly Biggs, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Greene, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Bryant, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes,'" reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after free and full conference upon the subject of the said disagreeing votes, the joint conferees have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, as follows:

"That the amendment of the House to the first section of the original bill, providing for the reduction of the number of general officers 'when the war with Mexico shall terminate,' be amended by striking out and substituting for the word 'terminate' the following words, viz: '*be terminated* by a definitive treaty of peace duly concluded and ratified;' and that the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment thus amended.

"That the House of Representatives recede from its disagreement to the votes of the Senate disagreeing with the amendments which constitute the 15th and 16th sections supplementary to the original bill.

"Should these recommendations be adopted, their effect will be to retain the first section of the original bill as amended by the House, with the exception of the words above proposed to be substituted for the word 'terminate,' and to strike out the sections numbered 15 and 16, supplementary to the bill as passed by the Senate."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, with the report of the committee of conference thereon.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, Corwin,

Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Jenness, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On the question to agree to the report of the committee of conference:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Houston, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes," and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills from the Senate:

S. 122. An act to authorize the justices of the county court of Bates county, in the State of Missouri, to enter a certain quarter section of land for a county seat.

S. 166. An act for the relief of Asenath Canney.

They concur in the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 8½, 13th, 15th, 15½, and 17th amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1847; they concur in the 11th, 14th, 16th, and 18th amendments of the Senate, with amendments; and they disagree to the 1st, 9th, 10th, 12th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22d amendments of the Senate to the same.

They concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 286) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847.

The Senate resumed the execution of the order for the appointment, by ballot, of a chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations: and

Mr. McDuffie was appointed.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1846.

Mr. Speight presented a petition of citizens of Natchez, in the State of Mississippi, praying that an appropriation of money may be made for the erection of a marine hospital in Natchez: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That Agnes Williams have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 286. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847.

S. 122. An act to authorize the justices of the county court of Bates county, in the State of Missouri, to enter a certain quarter section of land for a county seat.

S. 166. An act for the relief of Asenath Canney.

S. 185. An act supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes."

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 445) to establish an additional land office in Iowa, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (S. 207) in amendment of an act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the Post Office Department: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution (S. 26) presenting the thanks of Congress to Brigadier General Taylor, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a joint resolution (H. R. 34) presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, "to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill (S. 167) for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain John Clitz:" and

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce on Putnam's ploughing and dredging machine: and,

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Breese, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended:

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Allen the 12th instant, for the amendment of the 40th rule for conducting business in the Senate: and,

On the question to agree thereto:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13 / Nays, ... 38

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Niles, Semple, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Yulee.

So the resolution was disagreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the four enrolled bills (H. R. 286, S. 122, 166, 185) this day reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1846.

Mr. Westcott presented two memorials of citizens of the State of Florida, representing the importance of adequate fortifications and defences on the coast of Florida, and especially at the bay of St. Andrews: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Yulee presented a memorial of citizens of Florida, praying the erection of fortifications on the exposed points of the coast of Florida, and especially on the bay of St. Andrews: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate a copy of a letter from General E. P. Gaines, dated New Orleans, June 7, 1846, to the War Department, in relation to his recall from the command of the western military division of the United States.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that the subsistence, clothing, and equipage for the army be purchased by advertising for contracts to be given to the lowest bidder, when the exigencies of the service will admit of it; and also to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Quartermaster General and the Commissary General of Subsistence to report annually to the Secretary of War the terms of all contracts made, and all bids or offers for contracts not accepted, relating to the military service.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of John Stockton, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Shedrack Gillet and George Clark, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 208) for the relief of Shedrack Gillet and others.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of John Russell, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 209) in addition to the several resolves, ordinances, and acts of Congress providing for, or relative to, the grant of bounty lands to the officers and soldiers of the Revolution upon the continental establishment.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 37) to refund to States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers made by Generals Gaines and Taylor, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending *June 30*, 1847, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendments: and

Resolved, That they disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate; insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the Vice President appoint the committee of conference: and

Mr. Lewis, Mr. Jarnagin, and Mr. Sevier, were appointed accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 6) in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana, on its third reading.

On motion by Mr. Bagby, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 25

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Corwin, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Morehead, Speight, Sturgeon, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Atchison, that the resolution be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary:

It was determined in the negative.

On the question, "Shall this resolution pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Turney, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Corwin, Hannegan, Jenness, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Morehead, Speight, Sturgeon, Webster.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amendments to certain amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 48) making

appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1847; insist on their disagreement to sundry amendments of the Senate to the said bill; agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses; and have appointed Mr. McKay, Mr. Jacob Thompson, and Mr. Winthrop managers at the same on their part.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and for other purposes:" and

Amendments having been proposed by Mr. Dix:

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Wednesday, the 24th instant, and be made the order of the day.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1846.

Mr. Atherton presented the credentials of the honorable Joseph Cilley, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the State of New Hampshire, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable Levi Woodbury; which were read: and the oath prescribed by law having been administered to Mr. Cilley, he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate the progress which has been made in the surveys of the mineral region upon lake Superior, and within what time such surveys may probably be prepared for the sale of the lands in that country; and, also, his views respecting the proper mode of disposing of the said lands, keeping in view the interest of the United States, and the equitable claims of individuals who, under the authority of the War Department, have made improvements thereon, or acquired rights of possession.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Berrien asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 210) to provide for the distribution of the edition of the laws and treaties of the United States, published by Little and Brown under the provisions of the resolutions of Congress, approved March 3, 1845, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to notify the Senate of the death of the honorable Richard P. Herrick, late one of the Representatives from the State of New York; that his funeral will take place from the hall of the House of Representatives to-morrow, at 12 o'clock meridian; and that the Senate are invited to attend the same.

Mr. Dix submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of the Senate have received with deep sensibility the message from the House of Representatives announcing the death of Richard P. Herrick, a member of that body from

he State of New York, and that they tender to the widow and relations of the deceased the expression of their sympathy in this afflicting bereavement.

Resolved, That the members of the Senate, as a mark of respect for the nemory of the deceased, will attend his funeral to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, nd wear crape on the left arm for thirty days.

Resolved, As a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, hat the Senate do now adjourn.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1846.

The Senate, in pursuance of the resolution of yesterday, attended the uneral of the honorable Richard P. Herrick: and, having returned to their hamber,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, a letter of General Gaines: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a memorial of the American Philosophical Society, praying that no alteration may be made in the law exempting from duty books, maps, and scientific and literary apparatus, imported for the use of colleges, seminaries of learning, or philosophical or literary societies: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Lydia Lord, widow of John Lord, who served as a private in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 11) to provide for the organization of the volunteer forces brought into the ervice of the United States into brigades and divisions, and for the appointment of the necessary number of general officers to command the ame: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The bill was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of he Whole.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tonorrow.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his ecretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed he 18th instant, "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes;'" and, the 19th instant, the following acts:

S. 166. An act for the relief of Asenath Canney.

S. 122. An act to authorize the justices of the county court of Bates

county, in the State of Missouri, to enter a certain quarter section of land for a county seat.

S. R. 27. Resolution to correct a clerical error in the act approved June 6, 1846, for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of War, accompanied by a report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in reply to the resolution of the Senate of the 9th instant, requiring information on the subject of the removal of the Chippewa Indians from the mineral lands on lake Superior.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *June* 24, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented the proceedings and resolutions of a convention of county superintendents of common schools, held at the city of Albany, in the State of New York, expressing their mortification and regret that the liberal bequest of James Smithson should have been permitted to remain so long unemployed, and urging the adoption of such measures as will carry his intentions into effect.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 217) declaratory of the powers, and legalizing certain acts of the chief clerk of the Patent Office: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill was read a third time.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1846.

Mr. Sevier presented a petition of Thomas L. Judge, in behalf of the Appalachicola tribe of Indians, praying compensation for their improvements on the lands ceded to the United States by the treaty of 9th May, 1832: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented the petition of David Butler, United States military storekeeper, praying additional pay while in command of the United States arsenal at Mount Vernon, and Fort Morgan, in the State of Alabama: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of Joseph Campau, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting a pension to Elizabeth Pistole, of Arkansas, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased.

Mr. Ashley submitted documents relating to the claim of Elizabeth Pistole: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That after this day the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Mr. Haywood presented a memorial of the Cherokee Indians residing in the State of North Carolina, praying the payment of their claims agreeably to the eighth and twelfth articles of the treaty of 1835.

Ordered, That the memorial, together with the resolutions of the legislature of the State of North Carolina, on the files of the Senate, relating to the subject, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and that they be printed.

Mr. Bright, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 212) to increase the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, and the militia and volunteers in the service of the same, and allowing them bounty land in certain cases: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Peter Engles, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 213) for the relief of Peter Engles, senior.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the expediency of publishing additional copies of the scientific works of the late exploring expedition, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 214) providing for the publication and distribution of additional copies of the narrative and scientific works of the exploring expedition, under the command of Commander Charles Wilkes, of the United States navy.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 106) granting certain lands to the Territory of Iowa, to aid in the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river, in said Territory, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 237) to amend the act entitled "An act to grant a quantity of land to the Territory of Wisconsin for the purpose of aiding in opening a canal to connect the waters of lake Michigan with those of Rock river," reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 374) to grant a certain quantity of land to aid in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and to connect the same by a canal in the Territory of Wisconsin, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the cor-

rection of certain errors in returns of surveys, submitted a report, accompanied by a resolution (S. 29) relative to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field notes.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Cecilia Carroll, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan the 28th May, to fix the time for the adjournment of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Breese, to postpone the further consideration of the resolution to Monday next:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Colquitt, Evans, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Berrien, Bright, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Fairfield, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Semple, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Benton, that the resolution lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Haywood, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Berrien, Bright, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Semple, Simmons, Upham.

So it was

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Chalmers, that five thousand additional copies be printed of the report of this day, of the Committee on the Library:

Ordered, That the further consideration of the motion be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 211) to provide for the organization of the volunteer forces brought into the service of the United States into brigades and divisions, and for the appointment of the necessary number of general officers to command the same: and,

On motion by Mr. Crittenden, to amend the bill by striking out, after the word Mexico, in the 9th line, the following: "and that he be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, such number of major generals and brigadier generals as the organization of such volunteer forces into brigades and divisions may render necessary: *Provided,* That the brigadier generals and major generals so appointed shall be discharged from service by the President of the United States when the war with Mexico shall be terminated by a definitive treaty of peace, duly concluded and ratified; or, in case the brigades or divisions of volunteers at any time in the service shall be reduced in number, the brigadier generals and major generals herein provided for shall be discharged in proportion to the reduction in the number of the brigades and divisions;" and in lieu thereof inserting the following:

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That where the number of regiments of such volunteer forces called into the service of the United States from any one State, under the said act of the 13th of May,* 1846, *shall be sufficient to form a brigade, a brigadier general for the command thereof shall be appointed by the proper authority of the State to which they belong, in the manner prescribed by the laws of said State.*

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That the second section of the act entitled 'An act supplemental to an act entitled An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes,' approved the —— day of June,* 1846, *be, and the same is hereby, repealed.*

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, two brigadier generals, in addition to the present military establishment:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 25

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, McDuffie, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1846.

Mr. Haywood presented a memorial of the Historical Society of the University of North Carolina, praying that no alteration may be made in the law exempting from duty books, maps, and scientific and literary apparatus imported for the use of any college, academy, or philosophical or literary society: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the legal representatives of George Mayo, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 215) for the relief of the legal representatives of George Mayo, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a report of the Secretary of War, communicating a report of an expedition under Lieutenant Abert, reported thereon.

Whereupon, in conformity with the report,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing, for the purpose of ascertaining the expense of printing the report, and lithographing the maps and drawings.

Mr. Calhoun, from the select committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the convention at Memphis, on the subject of the resources and claims of the valley of the Mississippi, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 216) authorizing the appointment of a board of engineers to make an examination and survey of the Mississippi with the view to the improvement of its navigation, and provision for the gradual reduction of the price of the swampy and inundated public lands lying thereon within the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Illinois, and Missouri.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report, with the accompanying memorial, be printed, and that ten thousand additional copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill last mentioned was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 13th of July.

Mr. Lewis, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1847, reported:

"That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 9, 12, 19.

"That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the House to its 14th and 16th amendments, and agree to the same.

"That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to its 18th amendment, and agree to the same with the following amendment, viz: Strike out the whole of said amendment of the House, and insert, in lieu thereof, the following: ***And it shall be the duty of the different agents and sub-agents to take a census and to obtain such other statistical information of the several tribes of Indians among whom they respectively reside, as may be required by the Secretary of War, and in such form as he shall prescribe.***

"That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of

the House to its 11th amendment, and agree to the same with the following proviso: *Provided, That the money herein or heretofore appropriated for the payment of the appraised value of the Wyandot improvements, shall be paid by an agent of the United States to the several individual Indian claimants in person, or, in the event of the death of any of the original claimants, then to his family, and to no other person or persons whatsoever.*

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the 10th amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same.

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the 20th, 21st, and 22d amendments of the Senate, and agree to the same with the following amendment: Strike out the whole of the said three amendments, and agree to the following, in lieu thereof:

"SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, heretofore paid to the President of the United States, under the treaty made with the Seneca Indians of New York in the year* 1842, *for the benefit of said Indians, and the stock in which the same may have been invested, shall be, and the same is hereby, taken absolutely to the use of the United States, in accordance with the prayer of said Indians; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cancel the said stock, and place upon the books of his department the amount of* $75,000 *to the credit of said Indians, upon which sum interest shall thereafter be paid to them at the rate of five per centum per annum: Provided, That any interest which may be due and unpaid on said stock at the time of its cancellation, shall be forthwith paid to them.*

"SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to receive from the Ontario Bank of New York any stock of the public debt of the United States, or moneys which the said bank may hold in trust for the said Senecas, whenever the said Indians, or other persons whose consent may be necessary, shall in proper form authorize the transfer; and to cause the stock to be cancelled, and the amount thereof, and of any moneys which he may receive, to be deposited in the treasury to the credit of said Indians, upon which amount interest shall thereafter be paid to them at the rate of five per centum per annum, until Congress may direct the principal in this and the preceding section to be paid to the Indians.*

"SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, required to ascertain what annuities or moneys have been wrongfully withholden from the said Senecas by the late sub-agent of the United States, and so lost to them; and to that end the said Secretary is authorized, if in his judgment it shall be necessary or expedient so to do, to issue a commission or commissions to some discreet person or persons to be selected by him to take testimony in the premises, and to report the same to Congress; and to defray any expenses which may be incurred in the execution of the provisions of this section a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated.*

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with the following amendment:

"Strike out the words 'fully accounted for and settled all existing balances that may be outstanding and unaccounted for,' and insert, in lieu thereof, 'settled his accounts of the preceding year and satisfactorily shown that all balances in favor of the government, which may appear to be in his hands, are ready to be paid over on the order of the department.'"

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted yesterday by Mr. Chalmers, to print five thousand additional copies of the report of the joint Library Committee: and

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Berrien submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a joint resolution to authorize the accounting officers of the treasury to settle the accounts of the United States ship Boston, Captain Pendergrast, and to pass to the credit of the purser, G. R. Barry, the items charged to him, in the reconciling statement of his accounts.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to report to the Senate such proofs as may be in his department, as to the frauds reported to have been committed by recent importations from the West India Islands into the port of New York, and other ports of the United States, of sirups as molasses; and to report such measures as may be necessary to guard against the recurrence of such frauds.

Mr. Simmons submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish the Senate with the estimates by the department of the annual amount of importations which it is expected will be made should the duties thereon be changed, as is proposed in his report of the 16th instant; specifying the amount, in value, of imports of the articles comprehended within each of the several classes of merchandise upon which it is proposed to levy, upon the value thereof, duties at the rate of 125 per cent., 40 per cent., 30 per cent., 25 per cent., 20 per cent., 15 per cent., 10 per cent., and 5 per cent. respectively; together with his estimate of the amount of revenue to be derived therefrom; also, the estimated amount of the annual value of imports of such articles as it is proposed shall continue to be imported free of duty: and that he accompany the same with a statement of the amount, in value, of importations for the last fiscal year of all articles embraced in each class of imports upon which it is proposed to levy the foregoing rates of duties, stating in each case the amount of imports of articles subject to duty under existing laws, and the rates of duties paid thereon the last year, and the amount of imports of each class that were imported the last year free of duty; with his estimate of the annual value of imports of each kind after the proposed change in the rates of duties shall have taken place; also, a statement of the revenue received from customs for the three first quarters of the present year, and the amount expected from that source for the fourth quarter.

Mr. Haywood submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to revise the rules for conducting business in the Senate of the United States, and to inquire and make a report to the Senate whether any, and, if any, what amendments are necessary or expedient for the orderly and convenient despatch of business.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to communicate to the Senate any information in the department showing the number and description of troops that have been mustered into the service from Alabama, since the 1st of April last, under the calls for volunteers to serve in the war against Mexico, and discharged; also, the number and description of volunteers (if any) who have tendered their services to the governor of Alabama, for the service aforesaid, and who have not been mustered into service.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to the Senate whether any individual has been authorized by the department, or recommended by the department to the executive of any State to be authorized, to raise volunteers to serve in the war with Mexico; or whether the governor of any State has been authorized by the department to receive into service volunteers raised, or to be raised, by any individual named by the department; and if so, that he report the facts to the Senate, together with copies of any instructions or correspondence relating to the same, and state under what power such authority has been given, or such recommendation has been made.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 211) entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the volunteer forces brought into the service of the United States into brigades and divisions, and for the appointment of the necessary number of general officers to command the same;" also the resolution (S. 6) in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana.

The President of the United States has approved and signed "An act (H. R. 286) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1847.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 211. An act to provide for the organization of the volunteer forces brought into the service of the United States into brigades and divisions, and for the appointment of the necessary number of general officers to command the same.

S. 6. A resolution in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 211) and the enrolled resolution (S. R. 6) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 43) for the relief of Elijah White: and

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 18

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, Mangum, Morehead, Pearce, Upham.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 53) for the relief of the legal representatives of John J. Bulow, junior, deceased: and,

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday, the 30th instant.

The bill (S. 72) further to extend the patent of Jethro Wood, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Cameron, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Lewis, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the bill was rejected.

The bill (S. 62) for the relief of Henry Gardner and others, directors of an association called the New England Mississippi Land Company, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Friday next, the 3d of July.

The bill (S. 60) for the relief of Francis A. Harrison, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The following bills were severally read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 67. A bill to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Crowell, late agent for the Creek Indians;

S. 69. A bill in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, approved July 2, 1836: and

No amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

H. R. 6. Resolution in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana.

S. 211. An act to provide for the organization of the volunteer forces brought into the service of the United States into brigades and divisions, and for the appointment of the necessary number of general officers to command the same.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed

S. 211. An act to provide for the organization of the volunteer force brought into the service of the United States into brigades and divisions, and for the appointment of the necessary number of general officers to command the same.

S. R. 6. Resolution in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (S. 217) to provide for the completion of the marine hospital and erection of a custom-house in the port of New Orleans: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1846.

Mr. Evans presented a petition of citizens of Camden, Maine, praying the adoption of measures for the adjustment of all international difficulties without recourse to war: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of Madison Allen, praying the renewal of certain land warrants which were accidentally destroyed while in his possession: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of the Library Company of Philadelphia, praying that books, maps, and scientific and literary apparatus, imported for the use of philosophical or literary societies, colleges, academies, or seminaries of learning, may not be made subject to duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dayton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire

and report to the Senate whether a contract has been made with Robert L. Stevens for the construction of an iron steam vessel under the act of 14th April, 1842; and if so, what that contract is? And that the committee further inquire and report whether said contract, if any, is in the course of execution; and if the building of said vessel under said contract shall nave been stopped or delayed, that they report the reasons therefor; and whether other, and what legislation is necessary to carry said contract into effect.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to indemnify the officers, seamen, and marines, of the United States steam frigate Missouri, for the losses sustained by them by the destruction by fire of the said frigate, at Gibraltar, on the 2d August, 1843.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Welcome Parmeter, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 218) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was recommitted the petition of John England, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 219) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Webster the 15th instant, relative to attachments on processes issued by the courts of the United States: and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1847.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills:

H. R. 132. An act for the relief of Emanuel Berri and John M. Reese.

H. R. 159. An act to authorize the agent for paying pensions at Cincinnati to pay to John Wing any arrears of pension money due to Dorothy Terrill, deceased.

H. R. 167. An act for the relief of N. and L. Dana and Company.

H. R. 168. An act for the relief of Philip and Eliphalet Greely.

H. R. 172. An act for the relief of John G. McCloud, of Linn county, Missouri.

H. R. 173. An act to confirm an entry of land made by the administrator of James Anderson, deceased, of Iowa Territory.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled

bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 48) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, who were instructed to inquire into the subject, submitted a report, accompanied by a resolution (S. R. 30) for the relief of G. R. Barry, a purser in the United States navy: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said resolution was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (H. R. 6) authorizing the erection, on the public grounds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington.

On motion by Mr. Benton, to recommit the bill to the Committee on the District of Columbia with instructions to inquire and report whether a large sum of money has not heretofore been raised by a company in New York for the same purpose; and what has become of the money so raised:

A motion was made by Mr. Allen to amend the proposed instructions by inserting at the end thereof, "and, also, to inquire into the expediency of erecting in the name of the nation a monument to the memory of Washington, and also the proper place for such monument."

And on the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Allen:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Lewis, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cass, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Haywood, that the resolution lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Miller,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Houston, Lewis, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cass, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

The question recurring on the motion by Mr. Benton to recommit the resolution, with instructions:

A debate ensued: and,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

The bill (S. 188) for the relief of Nathaniel Stafford was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 17

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Cass, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Jarnagin, Lewis, Semple, Sevier, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 112) for the relief of John Jones, surviving partner of John Jones and Charles Souder, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The resolution (S. 19) declaratory of the act passed 23d August, 1842, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles F. Sibbald," was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 152) for the relief of Abraham B. Fannin: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following bills, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 43. A bill for the relief of Elijah White.

S. 69. A bill in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, approved July 2, 1836.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1847.

The six bills this day received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bill numbered 159 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that bills numbered 132, 167, 168, be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that bills numbered 172 and 173 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1846.

Mr. Jarnagin presented a preamble and resolutions, passed by the legislature of the State of Tennessee, in favor of the payment of the claims of certain companies of Tennessee volunteers mustered into the service of the United States in the month of July, 1836: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of John Mortimer, junior, praying the reimbursement of certain duties alleged to have been unlawfully exacted by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Crafts, Stevens and Tucker, praying the reimbursement of certain duties alleged to have been unlawfully exacted by the collector of the port of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Louisiana, praying that an appropriation may be made for removing obstructions in the channel of the bayou Lafourche: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Yulee presented a petition of certain settlers on the public lands in the State of Florida, praying that the benefits of the act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the peninsula of East Florida may be extended to them: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the presiding officer to inquire into the expediency of preparing a plan for reporting the proceedings and the substance of the debates of the Senate.

Mr. Hannegan, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was

referred the memorial of Josephine Nourse, reported a bill (S. 220) for her relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 321) to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin, approved March 3, 1843, and for other purposes," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 15) to amend an act confirming certain land claims in the State of Michigan, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of John Cocke: and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Jonathan Tyner: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of the representatives of James Livingston; the petition of Jonathan Smith; of the executor of Judah Alden; and of the administrator of William Torrey: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the several petitioners be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Abigail Edgerly: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Mary Biggs: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Houston the 15th instant, respecting the erection of light-houses on the coast of Texas: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Houston the 15th instant, in relation to the practicability, propriety, and expense of an inland communication from the Sabine to Galveston, and thence to the mouth of the river Grande: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Houston the 15th instant, in relation to the survey, improvement, and permanent fortification of the principal harbors on the coast of Texas: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Houston the 15th instant, in relation to reports of the board of engineers heretofore employed in an examination of the coast of Texas with a view to its defence and improvement: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. John M. Clayton the 15th instant, in relation to vessels engaged in the coasting trade: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Niles the 19th instant, in relation to the mode of subsisting the army by contract: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Simmons the 26th instant, in relation to the estimated amount of importations,

and the estimated amount of revenue therefrom, according to the specified rates of duties: and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Davis, the resolution was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish the Senate with the estimates by the department of the annual amount of importations which it is expected will be made should the duties thereon be changed, as is proposed in his report of the 16th instant; specifying the amount, in value, of imports of the articles comprehended within each of the several classes of merchandise upon which it is proposed to levy, upon the value thereof, duties at the rates of 125 per cent., 40 per cent., 30 per cent., 25 per cent., 20 per cent., 15 per cent., 10 per cent., and 5 per cent. respectively; together with his estimate of the amount of revenue to be derived therefrom; also, the estimated amount of the annual value of imports of such articles as it is proposed shall continue to be imported free of duty: and that he accompany the same with a statement of the amount, in value, of importations for the last fiscal year of all articles embraced in each class of imports upon which it is proposed to levy the foregoing rates of duties, stating in each case the amount of imports of articles subject to duty under existing laws, and the rates of duties paid thereon the last year, and the amount of imports of each class that were imported the last year free of duty; with his estimate of the annual value of imports of each kind after the proposed change in the rates of duties shall have taken place; also, a statement of the revenue received from customs for the three first quarters of the present year, and the amount expected from that source for the fourth quarter.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to report to the Senate the list of manufactured articles upon which the sum of fifty-four millions of dollars is annually paid to the protected classes by enhancing the price of domestic articles, and the amount so paid upon each article, if he possesses the means of ascertaining the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, the 26th instant, in relation to any authority to individuals to raise volunteers: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 26th instant by Mr. Haywood, in relation to a revision of the rules of the Senate: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Bagby the 25th instant, in relation to the hour of meeting of the Senate: and

On the question to agree thereto:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 30 / Nays, ... 11

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Colquitt, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Pennybacker, Rusk, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dayton, Evans, Mangum, Morehead, Phelps, Woodbridge.

So it was

Resolved, That after this day the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, a. m.

On motion by Mr. Mangum, that the Senate resume the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) authorizing the erection, on the public grounds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Turney, Yulee.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 112. An act for the relief of John Jones, surviving partner of John Jones and Charles Souder.

S. 188. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Stafford.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

The bill (S. 67) to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Crowell, late agent for the Creek Indians, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs, with instructions to report a bill authorizing the settlement of the accounts of John Crowell, notwithstanding the provisions contained in the fourth section of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending 30th June, 1846, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes: and

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 30, 1846.

Mr. Rusk presented documents in support of the claim of Samuel H. Walker and others to compensation for property lost in the military service of the United States: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 67) to provide for the final settlement of the accounts

of John Crowell, late agent for the Creek Indians, reported it with an amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jarnagin asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 221) to establish and organize an executive bureau under the exclusive direction and control of the President of the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, who were instructed to inquire into the expense of printing the report of the expedition under the command of Lieutenant Abert, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Cecilia Carroll: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of Thomas Bryant: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialist ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Bagby, in relation to a plan for reporting the proceedings of the Senate; and the resolution was agreed to: and

Mr. Bagby, Mr. John M. Clayton, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Houston, and Mr. Morehead, were appointed the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes:"

And, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 222) to establish a new land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 259) to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia.

And, after debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, July 1, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the number and description of troops that have been mustered into the service, from Alabama, since the first of April last, under calls for volunteers: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of John Martin, an officer in the last war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Westcott presented a memorial of the mayor and council of the city of Appalachicola, Florida, praying the erection of fortifications for the defence of that city: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That Mary D. Wade have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

Mr. Cameron submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to furnish the Senate with the names of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and private soldiers of the army under General Taylor, killed, wounded, or missing in the recent battles of the 8th and 9th of May, with their age, occupation, and place of birth.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Thomas Wilson, and from the further consideration of the memorial of William R. B. Gale.

Mr. McDuffie, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the petition of John Strohecker, reported "that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted."

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel Knapp, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, who were instructed to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 223) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Rezin Tevis, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 158) granting a pension to Elijah C. Babbit, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 121) to repeal that part of the act of the 30th August, 1842, which imposes a duty of twenty per centum ad valorem on Java coffee, and to refund the discriminating tonnage duties levied on Spanish vessels, except those from Cuba and Porto Rico, by the act of the 13th July, 1832, and to prohibit such duties hereafter, reported it with an amendment: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Yulee, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 224) for the relief of Fernando Fillanny: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the accompanying paper, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. John M. Clayton, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 225) for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 67) to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Crowell, late agent for the

Creek Indians, with the amendment reported thereto, in conformity with the instructions of the Senate; and the amendment having been agreed to:

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 217) declaratory of the powers and legalizing certain acts of the chief clerk of the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Sevier, to recommit the bill, with instructions to report the following amendment as an additional section:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of Patents shall hereafter confine his annual reports to such matters as appertain exclusively to the laws and business of patents; and all laws heretofore passed, inconsistent with this act, be, and they are hereby, repealed:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Crittenden, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Breese, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Sturgeon.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Patents, with the proposed instructions.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1846.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Andrew Parke, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cass presented a memorial of citizens of Chicago, Illinois, praying that in any change which may be made in the mode of disposing of the mineral lands of the United States, the rights of the lessees may be preserved.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of N. Nye Hall, an officer in the last war with Great Britain, praying an increase of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Yulee presented the memorial of John M. McIntosh, praying the payment of his claim against the United States as assignee of John Clute and Jacob Hart, who were employed in the military service as teamsters at Fort Macomb: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate

the orders, if any such have been transmitted, to General Taylor since the battles of the 8th and 9th of May, directing him to advance on Mexico, or otherwise controlling his movements.

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Ordered, That the committee to revise the rules of the Senate, in pursuance of the resolution of the Senate of the 29th June, be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Haywood, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Sevier, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Atherton, were accordingly appointed.

Mr. Thomas Clayton, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 112) for the relief of Nathaniel Bird, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Madison Allen, reported a bill (S. 226) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 172) for the relief of John G. McCloud, of Linn county, Iowa, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 173) to confirm an entry of land made by the administrator of James Anderson, deceased, of Iowa Territory, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the petition of John Strohecker and others: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 259) to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32 / Nays, ... 14

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Barrow, Benton, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Morehead, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Breese, Bright, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Phelps, Semple, Sturgeon.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Breese, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, July 6, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, relating to the number of killed, wounded, and missing in the battles of the 8th and 9th of May last: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Thomas O. Neil, deputy marshal of the United States for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, praying remuneration for his services and expenses in pursuing and arresting a fugitive from justice charged with the crime of counterfeiting the coin of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Greene presented a petition of the faculty of Brown University, praying that foreign books imported into the United States, except such as are printed in the English language within five years previous to the time of importation, may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a post route from the county seat of Atchison county to Sonora, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Philip R. J. Friese, praying the payment of a balance, with interest, due on a certain debenture bond issued to him on the re-exportation of a quantity of coffee in the year 1802: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 259) entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H.

R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 27th June, the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30th, 1847.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 259) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 53) for the relief of the legal representatives of John J. Bulow, junior, deceased: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (S. 71) to allow to Elijah White additional compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses incurred by him as acting sub-agent of Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Atchison, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 11

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Morehead, Upham.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 77) for the relief of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 61) for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the

ill (S. 17) granting a pension to Joseph Morrison: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 74) for the relief of Henry Etting was read the second time, nd considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being ıade, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill from the House of Representatives (H. R. 384) reducing the uties on imports, and for other purposes, was read the first and second imes, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be printed, and that 300 additional copies be printed or the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Evans, that the said bill be referred to the Committee on Finance:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday next, and be the special order for that day at one o'clock, and for each successive day, until the subject shall be finally disposed of.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Calhoun, a motion was made by Mr. Crittenden to amend the proposed amendment.

And, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1846.

Mr. Davis presented a memorial of merchants of the city of Boston, Massachusetts, praying that specific instead of ad valorem duties may be levied on all foreign wines and liquors.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Yulee submitted additional documents relating to the petition of Isabella Stout: which were referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the

adoption of all constitutional measures for abolishing slavery in the United States.

A motion was made that the petition be received: and.

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, praying that imported leeches may not be subject to duty.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Atchison presented two petitions of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a mail route from Tully to Lancaster, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed, for the use of the Senate, three hundred copies of the maps of the coast survey.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy transmit to the Senate all the correspondence between the Navy Department and Captain E. A. F. Lavalette, while he was stationed at Memphis, in Tennessee, with the reasons for transferring him from that place; and that the Secretary also furnish a copy of all letters and instructions from the Navy Department to Mr. Warford, and all other persons employed in the navy yard at Memphis, and also all letters from them to the Navy Department.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Chace and Grew, praying the repayment of certain import duties alleged to have been illegally exacted: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, also presented the petition of Cragin and Cleveland;

The petition of Shaw, Patterson, and Company;

The petition of James Read;

The petition of Joseph Sill;

The petition of John Williams and Company;

Three petitions of George Howe and Company;

The petition of J. C. Howe and Company;

The petition of Lambert and Slade, and Lambert, Slade, and Company;

The petition of Thomas P. Cushing and Company;

The petition of Thomas P. Cushing;

Three petitions of Freeman Cobb and Company;

The petition of Kimball, Jewett, and Company;

The petition of Whiton and March;

The petition of Gordon and Stoddard;

The petition of Almy, Blake, and Company;

The petition of A. and G. A. Kendall;

severally praying the repayment of certain import duties alleged to have been illegally exacted: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of directing by law that all the lands in the State of Arkansas, to which there are unconfirmed French or Spanish claims, and for the investigation and confirmation of which, by suit, in the circuit court of the United States in the judicial district of Arkansas, provision was

heretofore made, and for the investigation of which no suit or suits have been instituted by the claimant or claimants, shall be considered public land, and disposed of in the same manner that other public lands are disposed of, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (H. R. 259) to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia.

Mr. Pearce, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 31) supplementary to the resolution of February 20, 1845, for distributing the works of the exploring expedition: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the resolution.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 212) to increase the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, and the militia and volunteers in the service of the same, and allowing them bounty land in certain cases, reported it without amendment, and that the bill ought not to pass.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 55) for the relief of William Culver, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Cass, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 122) for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones, reported it without amendment.

Mr. J. M. Clayton, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 225) for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Milledge Galphin, legal representative of George Galphin, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 227) for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 210) to provide for the distribution of the edition of the laws and treaties of the United States, published by Little and Brown, under the provisions of the resolution of Congress approved March 3, 1845, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 165) for the relief of Samuel D. Enochs, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 136) for the relief of the heirs of doctor John Gray, deceased, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (H. R. 37) to refund to States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers made by Generals Gaines and Taylor: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (H. R. 34) presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men, together with the amendment reported thereto; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the amendment,

It was determined in the negative.

The resolution having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time.

The resolution was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That it pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The following bills, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 17. A bill granting a pension to Joseph Morrison.

S. 61. A bill for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois.

S. 71. A bill to allow to Elijah White additional compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses incurred by him as acting sub-agent of Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains.

S. 74. A bill for the relief of Henry Etting.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said bills.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes.

And, after debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, July 8, 1846.

Mr. Bright, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 228) to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was

referred the petition of Joshua Dodge, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 229) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Sarah A. King, widow and administratrix of the late John T. King, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 230) for her relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan the 2d instant, in relation to any orders given to General Taylor to advance on Mexico: and the resolution was disagreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Sevier the 7th instant, in relation to the unconfirmed French and Spanish land claims in the State of Arkansas: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Resin Tevis: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The bill (S. 178) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes," was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 20th instant.

The bill (S. 207) in amendment of an act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the Post Office Department," was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 20th instant.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 59) providing for the purchase and distribution of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States among the several States and Territories: and,

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 31) to direct the President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the State of Illinois and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The bill (S. 64) to provide for the more effectual publication of the laws of the United States, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 8) to authorize the President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territo-

ries of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill (S. 64) to provide for the more effectual publication of the laws of the United States, was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Calhoun:

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton, to amend the amendment by striking out, section 1, lines 12 and 13, the following words: "when all that then remains unsold shall be ceded to the States within which they respectively lie:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Calhoun, amended as follows:

"Strike out all the bill after the enacting clause, and, in lieu thereof, insert:

"That all public lands which shall have been offered for sale ten years or more on the first day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, shall thereafter be subject to entry at one dollar per acre, until the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty; all then remaining unsold, shall be subject to entry at seventy-five cents per acre until the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; and all then remaining unsold, shall be subject to entry at fifty cents per acre until the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, when they shall be subject to entry at twenty-five cents per acre until the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all public lands which, after the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, shall have been offered for sale ten years or more on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, shall then be subject to graduation and entry, in like manner and at like periods of three years; and that all public lands which shall have been offered for sale ten years or more at the next succeeding period, or any subsequent one, shall be subject in like manner to graduation and entry, at like periods of three years as they consecutively

occur: *Provided*, That no one person, under the provisions of this act, shall be authorized to purchase more than one section at the two lowest rates of fifty and twenty-five cents per acre.

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That upon every reduction in the prices of said lands which shall take place by the graduating process of this act, the occupants or settlers upon any of the said lands shall have the right of pre-emption at such graduated or reduced prices, which right shall extend to a period of six months from and after the dates at which the respective graduations shall take place; and any land not entered by the respective occupants or settlers within that period, shall be liable to be entered or purchased by any other person until the next graduation or reduction in price shall take place, when it shall, if not previously purchased, be again subject to the right of pre-emption for six months, as before, and so on from time to time as said reduction shall take place: *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to interfere with any right which has accrued or may accrue by virtue of any act granting pre-emptions to actual settlers upon the public lands.

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts as provide for an exemption from the imposition of taxes upon land sold by the United States for five years from and after the day of sale, be, and the same are hereby, repealed:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Mangum, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Huntington, to amend the bill, section 1, line 5, by inserting, after the word "fifty," the word "*seven*:"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following: "That authority and permission be and is hereby given to any State of the United States to institute a suit in the name and for the benefit of such State against the United States, by bill in equity filed in the Supreme Court of the United States, which bill shall set forth and state fully and specially the right, title, or claim which such State has or claims to have in law or equity to the lands or proceeds thereof, or to any part or proportion of such lands, or the proceeds thereof, as still remain unsold or otherwise not disposed of by the United States, and which were ceded and conveyed to the United States by deed of cession of the State of Virginia, of the first of March, 1784; by like deed of the State of South Carolina, of the ninth of August, 1787; and by the articles of agreement and cession entered into between the

United States and the State of Georgia, on the twenty-fourth of April, 1802. And it shall be the duty of said Supreme Court fully to hear and determine said suit between the parties aforesaid, according to the rules and principles of equity, and especially to decide and determine by its decree what claim, right, or title said State hath, if any, to the said lands or the proceeds thereof, or to any part of the same; by what tenure and for what use the United States hold said lands, whether as the absolute property of the United States, or in trust for the several States composing the Union; and, if in trust for the said several States, to declare the uses and the proportions of use or benefit belonging to each, or the rule by which the same is to be determined. And further to decree and declare whether said United States is bound in equity to distribute among and pay over to said several States the proceeds of said lands in the proportions so as aforesaid to be declared by said court. And if the said court shall find and decree that the said lands are held in trust for said States by the United States, and that the said United States are bound to pay over the proceeds of said lands to and among said States, then and in that case it is hereby made the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to pay over, on due requisition made to and among the said several States that now are or hereafter may be members of the federal Union, the proceeds of said lands as the same shall from time to time accrue and come into the treasury of the United States, according to the respective proportions of each State, as settled and declared by the principles of said decree:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Dayton, to amend the bill by striking out the following section:

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts as provide for an exemption from the imposition of taxes upon land sold by the United States for five years from and after the day of sale, be, and the same are hereby, repealed:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 5 / Nays, ... 36

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Dayton.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, *Breese, Bright,* Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Corwin, Crittenden, Da-

vis, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 20

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Mangum, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 9, 1846.

Mr. J. M. Clayton presented the petition of A. B. Durand and others, artists, of the city of New York, praying that the government of the United States may purchase the collection of George Catlin, of paintings, costumes, and other memorials, illustrative of the Indian tribes of North America: which was referred to the Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cass presented a document in relation to certain private land claims at the Sault St. Mary, in the State of Michigan: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Cass,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to land claims at the Sault St. Mary, in the State of Michigan, communicated the 18th May last, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the criminal laws of the United States over the Indian territories.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I communicate herewith a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report from the Commissioner of Public Lands, in reply to the resolution of the Senate of the 22d of June, 1846, calling for information of the "progress which has been made in the surveys of the mineral region upon lake Superior, and within what time such surveys may proba-

bly be prepared for the sales of the lands in that country." In answer to that portion of the resolution which calls for the "views" of the Executive "respecting the proper mode of disposing of said lands, keeping in view the interest of the United States, and the equitable claims of individuals who, under the authority of the War Department, have made improvements thereon, or acquired rights of possession," I recommend that these lands be brought into market and sold at such price and under such regulations as Congress may prescribe, and that the right of pre-emption be secured to such persons as have, under the authority of the War Department, made improvements or acquired rights of possession thereon. Should Congress deem it proper to authorize the sale of these lands, it will be necessary to attach them to suitable land districts, and that they be placed under the management and control of the General Land Office, as other public lands.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *July* 9, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 9) affirming a certain act of the legislative assembly of Wisconsin, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 439) disaffirming all laws of the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin, granting banking privileges, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Territories, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 14. An act to define the boundaries of the State of Iowa, and to repeal so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, as relates to the boundaries of Iowa;

H. R. 105. An act to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union;

reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. Dickinson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Devlin, reported a resolution (S. R. 32) for the benefit of John Devlin: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The bill (S. 221) to establish and organize an executive bureau under the exclusive direction and control of the President of the United States, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (S. 12) to [illegible]ce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes[illegible]ving been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Miller,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill (H. R. 8) to authorize the President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 76) to authorize the President to increase the naval establishment of the United States by adding thereto the naval establishment of the late republic of Texas, together with the amendment reported thereto: and the reported amendment having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Rusk, and a further amendment being proposed:

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and that the bill be printed as amended.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes:" and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

On motion by Mr. J. M. Clayton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that the bill be printed as amended.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, together with the amendments reported thereto: and the amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

the orders, if any such have been transmitted, to General Taylor since the battles of the 8th and 9th of May, directing him to advance on Mexico, or otherwise controlling his movements.

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Ordered, That the committee to revise the rules of the Senate, in pursuance of the resolution of the Senate of the 29th June, be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Haywood, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Sevier, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Atherton, were accordingly appointed.

Mr. Thomas Clayton, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 112) for the relief of Nathaniel Bird, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Madison Allen, reported a bill (S. 226) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 172) for the relief of John G. McCloud, of Linn county, Iowa, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 173) to confirm an entry of land made by the administrator of James Anderson, deceased, of Iowa Territory, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the petition of John Strohecker and others: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 259) to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32 / Nays, ... 14

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Barrow, Benton, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Morehead, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Breese, Bright, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Phelps, Semple, Sturgeon.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Breese, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, July 6, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, relating to the number of killed, wounded, and missing in the battles of the 8th and 9th of May last: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Thomas O. Neil, deputy marshal of the United States for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, praying remuneration for his services and expenses in pursuing and arresting a fugitive from justice charged with the crime of counterfeiting the coin of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Greene presented a petition of the faculty of Brown University, praying that foreign books imported into the United States, except such as are printed in the English language within five years previous to the time of importation, may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a post route from the county seat of Atchison county to Sonora, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Philip R. J. Friese, praying the payment of a balance, with interest, due on a certain debenture bond issued to him on the re-exportation of a quantity of coffee in the year 1802: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 259) entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H.

R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 27th June, the bill (H. R. 48) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30th, 1847.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 259) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 53) for the relief of the legal representatives of John J. Bulow, junior, deceased: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (S. 71) to allow to Elijah White additional compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses incurred by him as acting sub-agent of Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Atchison, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 11

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Morehead, Upham.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 77) for the relief of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 61) for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the

bill (S. 17) granting a pension to Joseph Morrison: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 74) for the relief of Henry Etting was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill from the House of Representatives (H. R. 384) reducing the duties on imports, and for other purposes, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be printed, and that 300 additional copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Evans, that the said bill be referred to the Committee on Finance:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday next, and be the special order for that day at one o'clock, and for each successive day, until the subject shall be finally disposed of.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Calhoun, a motion was made by Mr. Crittenden to amend the proposed amendment.

And, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, July 7, 1846.

Mr. Davis presented a memorial of merchants of the city of Boston, Massachusetts, praying that specific instead of ad valorem duties may be levied on all foreign wines and liquors.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Yulee submitted additional documents relating to the petition of Isabella Stout: which were referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the

The bill (S. 129) for the relief of Robert Barclay, of Missouri, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the Senate will proceed to the consideration of those bills which have been favorably reported on by committees, and which may not occasion debate.

The following bills and joint resolution were read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 81. Bill for the relief of Benjamin Ballard.

S. 84. Bill for the relief of Ebenezer Ballard.

S. 85. Bill for the relief of James Low.

S. 87. Bill for the relief of George Gordon, of Randolph county, State of Illinois.

S. 92. Bill for the relief of Henry Newman.

S. 93. Bill for the relief of Peter Von Schmidt.

S. 95. Bill for the relief of Francis Sommeraner.

S. 96. Bill for the relief of Richard Kidd and Benjamin Kidd.

S. 100. Bill for the relief of Thomas Rhodes.

S. 102. Bill for the relief of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.

S. 104. Bill for the relief of the personal representative of William A. Slacum, deceased.

S. 78. Bill for the relief of Nathaniel Kuykendall.

S. 108. Bill for the relief of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased.

S. 113. Bill for the relief of Richard H. Coxe.

S. 114. Bill for the relief of Harriet L. Catching.

S. 116. Bill to authorize the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise through the Indian territories.

S. 118. Bill for the relief of Thomas Brownell.

S. 20. Bill to provide for a survey of the mouth of Red river, in the State of Louisiana.

S. 147. Bill for the relief of Harriet Ward.

S. 21. Resolution to authorize the President to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandots and Delawares for the purchase of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians.

No amendment being made, the said bills and resolution were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills and resolution were severally read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills, as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 20. An act to legalize certain land sales made at Chocchuma and Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, and to indemnify the Chickasaws therefor.

H. R. 19. An act for the relief of Semington Buffenbarger.

H. R. 16. An act for the relief of Joseph Kemball.

H. R. 30. An act for the relief of James Davidson, of the county of Fentress, in the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 41. An act for the relief of William McCauley.

H. R. 42. An act for the relief of John Ficklin.

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of Arthur R. Frogge, of Fentress county, Tennessee.

H. R. 45. An act for the relief of Joseph M. Rhea, of the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 272. An act to change the time of holding the federal court in North Carolina.

H. R. 63. An act for the relief of John E. Holland.

H. R. 39. An act for the relief of James Mains.

H. R. 40. An act for the relief of James Wyman.

H. R. 43. An act for the relief of Joseph Watson.

H. R. 95. An act for the relief of Daniel Ingalls.

H. R. 32. An act for the relief of George D. Spencer.

H. R. 56. An act for the relief of John G. Pierie.

H. R. 131. An act for the relief of Adam McCulloch.

H. R. 155. An act for the relief of Sampson Brown: and

No amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

The bill (S. 156) for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 13

On motion by Mr. Chalmers,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Cameron, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Breese, Calhoun, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Turney, Westcott.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of the Mercantile Library Association, and other literary associations of the city of New York, praying that books, maps, charts, and literary and scientific works, imported for the use of their institutions, may be exempted from duty.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of Isaac Davenport: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ashley presented the petition of Seneca G. Simmons, praying compensation for services as secretary to the board of commissioners for treating with the Creek and Osage Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Corwin, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill (S. 233) for the relief of the legal representatives of Moses Shepherd, deceased: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Thomas Clayton, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the trustees of the Presbyterian church of Springfield, New Jersey, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution from the Senate (S. R. 31) supplementary to the resolution of February 20, 1845, for distributing the works of the exploring expedition; also, an act (S. 61) for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 34. Resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men.

H. R. 37. Resolution to refund to States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers, made by Generals Gaines and Taylor.

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and resolution:

H. R. 194. An act for the relief of Abraham Horback;

H. R. 196. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Cyrus Turner, deceased;

H. R. 14. Joint resolution for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes:

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (S. 156) for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 16

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Cameron, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, *Crittenden*, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington,

Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Speight, Upham, Webster, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Turney, Westcott.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill (H. R. 194) for the relief of Abraham Horback was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (H. R. 196) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Cyrus Turner, deceased, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The resolution (H. R. 14) for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 73) for the relief of Ross Winans.

On motion by Mr. Davis, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Fairfield, Houston, Huntington, McDuffie, Mangum, Pennybacker, Rusk, Speight, Turney, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Barrow, Bright, Cameron, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Westcott.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes;" and having been amended,

On motion by Mr. Huntington, further to amend the bill by inserting the following:

"SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted, That no importer shall be permitted to deposite any quantity of goods in a warehouse for the benefit of this act, or to remove any quantity of goods from any warehouse when so deposited, the duties on which goods so to be deposited or removed, at one and the same time, shall not amount to at least one hundred and fifty dollars:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Webster, Westcott, Yulee.

So the proposed amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 122) for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones: and,

On motion by Mr. Cass,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duties on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate, on the motion of Mr. Dix, resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 57) to amend the act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes."

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, to amend the bill by inserting, section 1, line 28, after "warehousing:"

"*Provided, however*, That the said owner, importer, consignee, or agent, shall, at the time of entering the same for warehousing, under this act, declare in writing, which of such goods, wares, and merchandise are entered for consumption within the United States, and which for exportation to ports or places beyond the United States; and that such goods, wares, and merchandise, so entered for consumption within the United States, shall not be withdrawn from such warehousing, under this act, without the payment of duties thereon:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 25

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Calhoun,

Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Speight, Turney, Webster, Westcott, Yulee.

So the proposed amendment was not agreed to.

No further amendment being made,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (S. R. 31) supplementary to the resolution of February 20, 1845, for distributing the works of the exploring expedition; also, the bill (S. 61) for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 2) to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the rivers Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas: and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Calhoun, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin, to amend the bill by inserting, after "dollars," in the 11th line:

"For improvement of the Tennessee river, above the Muscle shoals, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31 / Nays, ... 12

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Bagby, Cilley, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Niles, Phelps, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, July 14, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, calling for a statement of the revenue received from the customs for the three first quarters of the present year, and the amount expected from that source for the last quarter: which was read.

Mr. Webster presented the memorial of Lemist and Atkinson and others, importers of foreign goods into the city of Boston, expressing their opposition to the bill, passed by the House of Representatives, reducing the du-

ties on imports, and for other purposes; and praying that the same may be so far amended as to have all duties made specific, which, in their nature, can be so arranged: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Calhoun presented the petition of Theodore T. Johnson and others, manufacturers of glass and soap, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that the duty on soda ash may not be increased: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of defining by law the cases in which officers of the navy doing duty in a superior grade on foreign stations shall be entitled to the pay and emoluments of such superior grade; and, also, into the expediency of allowing to all passed midshipmen the pay and emoluments of their grade.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they presented to the President of the United States the 11th instant, the bill (H. R. 8) entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore."

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 16. An act for the relief of Joseph Kemball.

H. R. 19. An act for the relief of Semington Buffenbarger.

H. R. 20. An act to legalize certain land sales made at Chocchuma and Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, and to indemnify the Chickasaws therefor.

H. R. 30. An act for the relief of James Davidson, of the county of Fentress, in the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 32. An act for the relief of George D. Spencer.

H. R. 39. An act for the relief of James Mains.

H. R. 40. An act for the relief of James Wyman.

H. R. 41. An act for the relief of William McCauley.

H. R. 42. An act for the relief of John Ficklin.

H. R. 43. An act for the relief of Joseph Watson.

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of Arthur R. Frogge, of Fentress county, Tennessee.

H. R. 45. An act for the relief of Joseph M. Rhea, of the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 56. An act for the relief of John G. Pierie.

H. R. 63. An act for the relief of John E. Holland.

H. R. 95. An act for the relief of Daniel Ingalls.

H. R. 131. An act for the relief of Adam McCulloch.

H. R. 155. An act for the relief of Sampson Brown.

H. R. 272. An act to change the time of holding the federal court in North Carolina.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 228) to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 221) to establish and organize an executive bureau, under the

exclusive direction and control of the President of the United States, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 15) to exempt canal boats from the payment of fees and hospital money, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the last mentioned bill, as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6) to establish the collection district of Chicago.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 188) for the relief of Nathaniel Stafford.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have rejected the bill from the Senate (S. 2) entitled "An act to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the rivers Ohio, Mississippi, and Arkansas."

They have passed a bill (H. R. 510) for the relief of Amos Hunting: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 11th instant an act (H. R. 8) to authorize the President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore.

The bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow, at 12 o'clock, and be the order of the day.

The bill (H. R. 510) for the relief of Amos Hunting was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Davis, that the bill, together with the amendment, lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 30

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M.

Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

The Vice President signed the enrolled resolution (S. R. 31) and the nineteen enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duties on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, July 15, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and resolutions:

H. R. 6. An act to establish the collection district of Chicago.

H. R. 34. Resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men.

H. R. 37. Resolution to refund to the States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers made by Generals Gaines and Taylor.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

H. R. 16. An act for the relief of Joseph Kemball.

H. R. 19. An act for the relief of Semington Buffenbarger.

H. R. 20. An act to legalize certain land sales made at Chocchuma and Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, and to indemnify the Chickasaws therefor.

H. R. 30. An act for the relief of James Davidson, of the county of Fentress, in the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 32. An act for the relief of George D. Spencer.

H. R. 39. An act for the relief of James Mains.

H. R. 40. An act for the relief of James Wyman.

H. R. 41. An act for the relief of William McCauley.

H. R. 42. An act for the relief of John Ficklin.

H. R. 43. An act for the relief of Joseph Watson.

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of Arthur R. Frogge, of Fentress county, Tennessee.

H. R. 45. An act for the relief of Joseph M. Rhea, of the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 56. An act for the relief of John G. Pierie.

H. R. 63. An act for the relief of John E. Holland.

H. R. 95. An act for the relief of Daniel Ingalls.

H. R. 131. An act for the relief of Adam McCulloch.

H. R. 155. An act for the relief of Sampson Brown.

H. R. 272. An act to change the time of holding the federal court in North Carolina.

Mr. Webster presented a memorial of Joseph W. Revere and others, manufacturers of copper, and interested in the trade to countries where that article is obtained, praying that imported raw copper may be admitted free of duty, or be subjected to no higher rate of duty than that imposed on sheathing copper and sheathing metal.

On motion by Mr. Webster, that the memorial be printed:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of Jehiel Brooks, late Indian agent, praying the reimbursement of money expended by him for the preservation of certain public property left at his agency by an officer of the army: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a memorial of William Wilson and Sons, and others, citizens of Baltimore, manufacturers in copper, or interested in the trade to countries whence this article is obtained, praying that raw copper may remain free of duty; or that imported manufactured copper may be subject to the same duty proposed to be levied on the raw material.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, that the memorial be printed:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Cameron presented three memorials of operators, proprietors, miners, and others, engaged in the coal trade, in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, praying that the present duty on foreign coal may not be reduced: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill making an appropriation for a marble bust of John Rutledge, of South Carolina, formerly chief justice of the United States, to be made by Hiram Powers, similar to those heretofore made by authority of Congress of every deceased chief justice of the United States, the said bust to be placed in the Supreme Court room.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 123) for the relief of Samuel Jordan, reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 76) to authorize the President to increase the naval establishment of the United States by adding thereto the naval establishment of the late republic of Texas: and,

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

Ordered, That it be postponed until to-morrow, and be made the order of the day.

The bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Webster, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Woodbridge.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed a resolution (S. R. 31) supplementary to the resolution of February 20, 1845, for distributing the works of the exploring expedition; also, "An act (S. 61) for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 492) to authorize the issue of treasury notes and a loan: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and two enrolled resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill and the two enrolled resolutions this day reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 492) to authorize the issue of treasury notes and a loan, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

And, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cal-

houn, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott.

The bill (S. 174) for the relief of Alexis Ayot, and the bill (S. 171) granting a pension to John Clark, were severally read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, they were reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills were read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That the said bills pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said bills.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 154. An act for the relief of Isabella Baldridge, widow of Captain John Baldridge.

H. R. 190. An act for the relief of Charles M. McKenzie: and

No amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following bills were severally read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 158. A bill for the relief of Edward Bolon.

S. 165. Bill for the relief of the heirs of Crocker Sampson, deceased.

S. 168. Bill for the relief of Henry H. Marsh, of Michigan.

S. 169. Bill for the relief of William B. Keene.

No amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 16, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of G. Hessenberg and Company, and others, merchants and importers of the city of New York, praying that, in imposing duties on imports, specific duties may be adopted in certain cases; and remonstrating against that portion of the tariff bill, now before the Senate, which imposes the ad valorem duty on silks, in place of a specific duty.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Webster, that it be printed;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution

(H. R. 45) authorizing the President of the United States to cause medals from the trophies of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma to be made and distributed: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 15th instant the following acts:

H. R. 16. An act for the relief of Joseph Kemball.

H. R. 39. An act for the relief of James Mains.

H. R. 40. An act for the relief of James Wyman.

H. R. 41. An act for the relief of William McCauley.

H. R. 42. An act for the relief of John Ficklin.

H. R. 30. An act for the relief of James Davidson, of the county of Fentress, in the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 43. An act for the relief of Joseph Watson.

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of Arthur R. Frogge, of Fentress county, Tennessee.

H. R. 45. An act for the relief of Joseph M. Rhea, of the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 56. An act for the relief of John G. Pierie.

H. R. 63. An act for the relief of John E. Holland.

H. R. 95. An act for the relief of Daniel Ingalls.

H. R. 131. An act for the relief of Adam McCulloch.

H. R. 155. An act for the relief of Sampson Brown.

H. R. 19. An act for the relief of Semington Buffenbarger.

H. R. 272. An act to change the time of holding the federal court in North Carolina.

H. R. 32. An act for the relief of George D. Spencer.

H. R. 20. An act to legalize certain land sales made at Chocchuma and Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, and to indemnify the Chickasaws therefor.

Mr. Cameron presented three memorials of operators, proprietors, miners, and others, engaged in producing and furnishing coal, in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, praying that the duty on foreign coal may not be reduced: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of shippers and importers, in the city and county of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duties on imports, and for other purposes: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, engaged in the coal trade and various pursuits connected therewith, praying that the duty on foreign coal may not be reduced: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the 14th instant, the following enrolled resolutions and enrolled bills:

S. 31. Resolution supplementary to the resolution of February 20, 1845, for distributing the works of the exploring expedition.

H. R. 34. Resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men.

H. R. 37. Resolution to refund to States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers made by Generals Gaines and Taylor.

H. R. 6. An act to establish the collection district of Chicago.

H. R. 61. An act for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary W. Ketchum, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Parke, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Wilson, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph W. Revere and others, reported in favor of printing the same: and

Ordered, That the memorial be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, reported against printing the memorial of William Wilson and Sons, and others: and the report was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of Josiah Dutton and the heirs of John Morrison: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Westcott, in relation to the execution of a marble bust of John Rutledge: and the resolution was agreed to.

The resolution (H. R. 45) authorizing the President of the United States to cause medals from the trophies of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma to be made and distributed, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 492) to authorize the issue of treasury notes and a loan, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow, and be the order of the day.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan the 28th of May, fixing a day for the adjournment of Congress; and having been amended by striking out "20th day of July," and inserting "10th day of August:"

On motion by Mr. Lewis, "that the resolution lie on the table."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16 / Nays, ... 36

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Benton, Breese, Chalmers, Colquitt, Haywood, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Sevier, Speight, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Barrow, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron,

ron, Cass, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster.

On the question to agree to the resolution:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 36 / Nays, ... 16

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Barrow, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Benton, Breese, Chalmers, Colquitt, Haywood, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Sevier, Speight, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So it was

Resolved, (with the concurrence of the House of Representatives,) That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives close the present session of Congress by an adjournment of their respective houses on Monday, the tenth day of August.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the hour of meeting of the Senate be ten o'clock, a. m.

On motion by Mr. Lewis, that when the Senate adjourn this day, they will adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow:

The consideration of the motion, without its lying one day for consideration, was objected to as against the rule.

The Vice President decided that the consideration of the motion, at this time, was in order.

From that decision Mr. Mangum appealed.

And the question being submitted to the Senate, "Is the decision of the Vice President correct?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 26

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana,

Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 76) to authorize the President to increase the naval establishment of the United States by adding thereto the naval establishment of the late republic of Texas: and,

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 491) making appropriations for the support of volunteers and other troops authorized to be employed in the prosecution of the war with Mexico, during the year ending the 30th June, 1847.

The House of Representatives concur in the resolution from the Senate fixing a day for the adjournment of Congress.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 154. An act for the relief of Isabella Baldridge, widow of Captain John Baldridge.

H. R. 190. An act for the relief of Charles M. McKenzie.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the aggregate amount appropriated by Congress since the 1st of July, 1836, for the removal of bars and other obstructions from the harbors and rivers of the United States: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a further report of the Secretary of the Treasury, in answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 29th June, 1846, showing the amount of importations consumed and in hand, for the year ending June 30, 1845, under the present tariff, and the results on the revenue of a proposed change in the system: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The bill (H. R. 491) making appropriations for the support of volunteers and other troops authorized to be employed in the prosecution of the war with Mexico, during the year ending the 30th June, 1847, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1846.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bills and resolution from the Senate, of the following titles:

S. 81. An act for the relief of Benjamin Ballard.

S. 129. An act for the relief of Robert Barclay, of Missouri.

S. R. 24. Resolution for the relief of Lewis De Russey, late a paymaster of the army of the United States.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 16th instant the following bill and resolutions:

H. R. 34. Joint resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men.

H. R. 37. Joint resolution to refund to States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers made by Generals Gaines and Taylor.

H. R. 6. An act to establish the collection district of Chicago.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported that "the report of the Secretary of War, communicated the 16th instant, on the subject of appropriations which have been made since the 1st July, 1836, for the improvement of rivers and harbors, be referred to the Committee on Printing:" and

Ordered, That it be referred accordingly.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom the memorials of certain citizens of Florida were referred, reported a bill (S. 234) providing for the erection and completion of certain defences on the gulf coast of Florida: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 194) for the relief of Abraham Horback, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 15) "to exempt canal boats from the payment of fees and hospital money."

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Lewis, respecting the hour of meeting of the Senate: and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Haywood:

On the question to agree to the resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Haywood, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Westcott.

So it was

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, the hour of meeting of the Senate be 10 o'clock, a. m., except on Saturdays.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That immediately after the pending special order shall have been disposed of, the bill to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the

public revenue, shall be the special order at 12 o'clock from day to day until disposed of.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution that a message be sent to the Senate requesting that the joint resolution of the House (No. 14) "for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes" be returned to the House of Representatives, in order that an error in its engrossment may be corrected.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary return to the House of Representatives the resolution (H. R. 14) for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes, in pursuance of their request.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 492) to authorize an issue of treasury notes and a loan: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 204. An act for the relief of Daniel H. Warren;

H. R. 207. An act for the relief of Peter Rife;

H. R. 209. An act for the relief of George Roush;

H. R. 210. An act for the relief of Patrick Kelly, senior, of the county of Indiana, State of Pennsylvania;

H. R. 220. An act for the relief of William Ligon;

H. R. 229. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Kelly;

H. R. 230. An act to pay Captain John B. Crozier's company of mounted volunteers, Tennessee militia;

H. R. 236. An act for the relief of Eli Merrill;

H. R. 239. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Conant, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York;

H. R. 244. An act for the relief of Lois Mattison, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York;

H. R. 245. An act for the relief of Captain John Patton;

H. R. 254. An act for the relief of Solomon Russell, of the county of Somerset, in the State of Maine;

H. R. 266. An act for the relief of James Gee;

H. R. 278. An act for the relief of William Moss;

H. R. 285. An act for the relief of Richard Hargrave Lee;

H. R. 292. An act for the relief of Margaret Gwinnup, of Hamilton county, Ohio;

H. R. 298. An act for the relief of Leah Gray;

H. R. 299. An act for the relief of Mary Campbell, widow of John Campbell;

H. R. 300. An act for the relief of Lewis Laing;

H. R. 301. An act for the relief of William Gump;

H. R. 302. An act for the relief of John Carr, John Batty, and Samuel Stevenson, seamen on board the whale ship Margaret;

H. R. 312. An act for the relief of John McAlister;

H. R. 317. An act for the relief of James Journey;

H. R. 318. An act for the relief of Jose Caxillo;

H. R. 332. An act for the relief of Jonathan Brown;

H. R. 334. An act for the relief of Patrick Masterson;

H. R. 335. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Betts, of the city of New York;

H. R. 336. An act for the relief of Mary Phelps, of the county of Genesee, State of New York;

H. R. 337. An act for the relief of Mary Segar, of Jefferson county, State of New York;

H. R. 338. An act for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania;

H. R. 340. An act for the relief of Polly Damron;

H. R. 344. An act for the relief of Surranus Cobb;

H. R. 345. An act for the relief of Justin Jacobs;

H. R. 346. An act for the relief of Daniel Pratt;

H. R. 347. An act granting a pension to John Campbell, of Garland, in the State of Maine;

H. R. 348. An act for the relief of Joseph Dusseau;

H. R. 349. An act granting a pension to Abraham Ausmen;

H. R. 350. An act for the relief of Griffin Kelly;

Also, a resolution (H. R. 23) for the relief of John B. Denton:

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

I am instructed by the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the resolution (H. R. 14) "for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes," the error in its engrossment having been corrected.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (H. R. 15,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating information concerning any authority to any individual by the War Department, or recommendation of any individual by the War Department to the executive of any State, to raise volunteers to serve in the war with Mexico.

The report was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 335) to procure a bust of marble of John Rutledge, of South Carolina, formerly chief justice of the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 15) this day reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills and resolution this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 285 be referred to the Committee on *Finance;* that the bill numbered 230 be referred to the Committee on Mili-

tary Affairs; that bills numbered 220 and 312 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill numbered 302 be referred to the Committee of Claims; that the bills numbered 204, 207, 209, 210, 239, 244, 245, 266, 292, 298, 299, 300, 301, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 340, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, and 350, be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bills numbered 229, 236, 254, 278, 317, and 318, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims; and that the resolution numbered 23 be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, July 18, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled—

(S. R. 24.) A resolution for the relief of Lewis De Russey, late a paymaster of the army of the United States.

(S. 81.) An act for the relief of Benjamin Ballard; also,

(S. 129.) An act for the relief of Robert Barclay, of Missouri.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That Titian R. Peale have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Greene presented a memorial of John Norris and others, merchants and shipmasters of Bristol, Rhode Island, praying that the custom-house may not be removed from Bristol to Warren: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented three memorials of citizens of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, engaged in the coal trade, and various occupations dependant upon the prosperity of the same, praying that no change may be made in the present tariff: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of operators, proprietors, miners, laborers, mechanics, boatmen, and others, engaged in furnishing coal from the mines in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and opposed to the reduction of the present duty on foreign coal: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented the proceedings of a meeting of democratic citizens of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, and resolutions adopted at the same, deprecating the passing of the bill before the Senate reducing the duties on imports, and for other purposes, as contrary to their expectations and fatal to their interests: which were read.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, that the proceedings and resolutions be printed:

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Printing.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the bill entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Stafford."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 491) making appropriations for the support of volunteers and other troops authorized to be employed in the prosecution of the war with Mexico, during the year ending the 30th June, 1847, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin, to amend the bill by inserting: "for the payment of four companies of Tennessee mounted volunteers, who entered the service of the United States in eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and were indefinitely furloughed by General John E. Wool, such amount as may be ascertained to be due them at the rate of forty-six cents per diem for their horses, and twelve and a half cents a day for forage to each volunteer during the existence of said furlough, and until they were actually discharged:"

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 285) for the relief of Richard Hargrave Lee, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 510) for the relief of Amos Hunting, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, who were instructed to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 236) to direct the sale of certain lands in the State of Arkansas: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 317. An act for the relief of James Journey;

H. R. 318. An act for the relief of Jose Caxillo;

H. R. 229. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Kelly;

H. R. 236. An act for the relief of Eli Merrill;

H. R. 254. An act for the relief of Solomon Russell, of the county of Somerset, in the State of Maine;

reported them severally without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Petition of Isaac W. Taylor and others.

Petition of Thomas Mullett.

Petition of the heirs of Nicholas Barra, deceased.

Petition of James B. Davenport.

Petition of Isabella Stout.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Michael Hanson, reported a bill (S. 237) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin L. Lucas, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Allen the 17th instant, in relation to bill (H. R. 1) to provide for the better organization of the treasury: and,

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 491) making appropriations for the support of volunteers and other troops authorized to be employed in the prosecution of the war with Mexico, during the year ending the 30th June, 1847.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 22. An act authorizing the trustees of Tymochtee township, Wyandot county, Ohio, to select lands for schools within the Wyandot cession;

H. R. 59. An act authorizing the inhabitants of township 1, of range 13 east, Seneca county, Ohio, to relinquish certain lands selected for schools, and to obtain others in lieu of them;

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of William Pool;

H. R. 351. An act for the relief of Benjamin Allen;

H. R. 352. An act for the relief of Aquilla Goodwin;

H. R. 360. An act for the relief of Phineas Capen, of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, legal administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston;

H. R. 370. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Richard C. Allen, deceased;

H. R. 371. An act for the relief of John Milsted, of Escambia county, Florida;

H. R. 377. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Ruddle;

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of Joseph Curwen, surviving partner of Wilfing and Curwen;

H. R. 390. An act for the relief of the owners of the ship Herald, of Baltimore;

H. R. 392. An act for the relief of William B. Lang;

H. R. 396. An act for the relief of David Thomas, of the city of Philadelphia;

H. R. 398. An act for the relief of Elisha F. Richards;

H. R. 457. An act to provide for the distribution of the laws and treaties of the United States, published by Little and Brown, under the provisions of the resolution of Congress approved March 3, 1845, and for other purposes: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution, (S. R. 24, S. 81, 129, H. R. 491) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 492) to authorize an issue of treasury notes and a loan.

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 5 and 6, the following words: "and in place of such of the same as may be redeemed, to cause others to be issued:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16 / Nays, ... 33

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Dayton, Dix, Haywood, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Speight, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Dickinson, Evans, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster, Yulee.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Niles,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, July 20, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 188. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Stafford.

H. R. 492. An act to authorize an issue of treasury notes and a loan.

And that they had presented to the President of the United States the 18th instant the following acts:

S. 188. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Stafford.

H. R. 190. An act for the relief of Charles M. McKenzie.

And the 20th instant the following acts:

H. R. 15. An act to exempt canal boats from the payment of fees and hospital money.

H. R. 154. An act for the relief of Isabella Baldridge, widow of Captain John Baldridge.

The Vice President signed the three enrolled bills (S. 81, S. 129, H. R.

491) and the enrolled resolution (S. R. 24) last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills received the 18th instant from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 388, 390, and 392, be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bills numbered 360, 396, and 398, be referred to the Committee of Claims; that the bills numbered 22, 59, 370, and 371, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bills numbered 268, 351, and 352, be referred to the Committee on Pensions; and that the bill numbered 377 be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The bill from the House of Representatives (H. R. 457) to provide for the distribution of the laws and treaties of the United States, published by Little and Brown, under the provisions of the resolution of Congress approved March 3, 1845, and for other purposes, was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Archer presented a memorial of coal owners and iron masters of Richmond and its vicinity, in Virginia, praying that the duties on foreign coal and iron may not be reduced.

On motion by Mr. Archer, that it be printed:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Greene presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, expressing their high sense of the valor and skill displayed by General Zachary Taylor in the battles of the 8th and 9th of May last, and of the signal services of the officers and men who co-operated with him; sympathizing with the families of those who fell or were wounded in those conflicts, and urging upon Congress the justice of an adequate provision for the bereaved and wounded.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a memorial of Samuel and Philip T. Ellicott, manufacturers of chemicals, praying that crude brimstone and saltpetre may continue to be admitted free of duty.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, that it be printed:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, praying that an appropriation may be made for the construction of a dry dock at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of the board of wardens of the port of Philadelphia, praying the construction of a dry dock at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the Cherokee Indians residing in North Carolina.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Seneca G. Simmons, reported a bill (S. 238) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 196) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Cyrus Turner, deceased, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Petition of Thomas L. Judge in behalf of the Appalachicola Indians.

Memorial of Benjamin Crawford.

Memorial of C. M. Hitchcock, executor of A. R. S. Hunter.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 235) to grant the right of pre-emption to actual settlers on the lands acquired by treaty from the Miami Indians in Indiana, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 149) for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 492) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 18th instant the following acts:

H. R. 190. An act for the relief of Charles M. McKenzie.

H. R. 154. An act for the relief of Isabella Baldridge, widow of Captain John Baldridge.

On motion by Mr. Lewis, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 1) to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 30

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Haywood, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Cass, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster.

On motion by Mr. Dix, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 18) making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 37 / Nays, ... 14

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Bagby, Chalmers, Cilley, Evans, Fairfield, Haywood, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Pennybacker, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 18) making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, together with the amendments reported thereto.

On the question to agree to the reported amendment proposing to strike out, section 1, lines 60, 61, the following: "for the improvement of Little Fort harbor, on lake Michigan, twelve thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 26

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Haywood, Huntington, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Barrow, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dickinson, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Pearce, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills:

"An act (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1847;"

"An act (H. R. 515) making appropriations for certain objects of expenditure therein specified:"

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, with amendments: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the bill (H. R. 491) making appropriations for the support of volunteers and other troops authorized to

be employed in the prosecution of the war with Mexico, during the year ending the 30th June, 1847.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, July 21, 1846.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 492) yesterday reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The three bills yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 66 and 515 be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the bill numbered 149 be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending 30th June, 1847, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives: and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following bills and resolution:

S. 81. An act for the relief of Benjamin Ballard.

S. 129. An act for the relief of Robert Barclay, of Missouri.

S. R. 24. A resolution for the relief of Lewis De Russey, late a paymaster of the army of the United States.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of farmers and workingmen of Mercer county, New Jersey, protesting against the repeal of the present tariff.

On motion by Mr. Dayton, that it be printed:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Huntington presented a memorial of a committee of a meeting of paper manufacturers and dealers of New England, praying that the present duties on foreign paper and books may not be changed.

On motion by Mr. Huntington, that it be printed:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That Mary Phelps have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

Mr. Cass, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 122) for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 312) for the relief of John McAlister, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Barrow, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a *resolution* (S. R. 33) authorizing the sale of certain land at Baton Rouge

to the State of Louisiana: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 18) making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, together with the amendments reported thereto.

On motion by Mr. Atchison, to reconsider the vote of yesterday on agreeing to the following reported amendment:

Section 1, lines 60, 61, strike out the following words: "for the improvement of Little Fort harbor, on lake Michigan, twelve thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dickinson, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Chalmers, Davis, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Haywood, Huntington, Mangum, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

On the question to agree to the said amendment,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 515) making appropriations for certain objects of expenditure therein specified, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the resolution from the Senate (S. R. 3) regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation of the same.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 459) in relation to the payment of claims: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 20th instant the enrolled bill (H. R. 15) entitled "An act to exempt canal boats from the payment of fees and hospital money."

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 21st instant the following bills and resolution:

S. 81. An act for the relief of Benjamin Ballard.

S. 129. An act for the relief of Robert Barclay, of Missouri.

S. R. 24. A resolution for the relief of Lewis De Russey, late a paymaster of the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Haywood, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 14

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Cass, Cilley, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Barrow, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Sevier, Turney.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, July 22, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (S. R. 3) regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation of the same.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating the correspondence between the Navy Department and Captain E. A. F. Lavalette, while stationed at Memphis, in Tennessee: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of Robert Kay and others, citizens of Fishkill, New York, engaged in the manufacture of iron, cotton, and other articles, praying that no change may be made in the present tariff.

On motion by Mr. Dix, that it be printed:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of Little and Brown, and other publish-

ers of books in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, praying that the duties on imported books may remain as fixed by the present tariff.

On motion by Mr. Davis, that it be printed:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of John Prutan, manufacturer of iron work, praying that raw iron may be subject to no higher rate of duty than is levied on manufactured iron work.

On motion by Mr. Dayton, that it be printed:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate a copy of the instructions transmitted to our minister at London, Mr. McLane, relative to the Oregon Territory, and his various communications to this government on the same subject.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to the Senate whether a court of inquiry or court martial has been ordered in relation to the recent calls for volunteers made by Major General Gaines, whilst in command of the western division of the army; and, if so, to report copies of any correspondence that may have been had between the department and said officer concerning the ordering of such court.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendments: and

Resolved, That they disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to their 1st amendment to the said bill, and insist on their 3d and 7th amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the resolution from the Senate (S. R. 33) authorizing the sale of certain land at Baton Rouge to the State of Louisiana.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 20th instant the act (H. R. 491) making appropriations for the support of volunteers and other troops authorized to be employed in the prosecution of the war with Mexico, during the year ending the 30th June, 1847.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 454) further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants and returning surveys to the General Land Office, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 22. An act authorizing the trustees of Tymochtee township, Wyandot county, Ohio, to select lands for schools within the Wyandot reserve;

H. R. 59. An act authorizing the inhabitants of township 1, of range 13 east, Seneca county, Ohio, to relinquish certain lands selected for schools, and to obtain others in lieu thereof;

reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (S. 239) to provide for transporting the mail of the United States to Oregon: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed to inquire into the necessity and propriety of making provision for the survey, improvement, and fortification of the principal harbors on the coast of Texas, and into the practicability, propriety, and expense of opening an inland navigation from the Sabine to Galveston and the Rio Grande, submitted a report: which was read.

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

Ordered, That it be printed, and that four thousand additional copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 459) in relation to the payment of claims, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 515) making appropriations for certain objects of expenditure therein specified: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the amendment, striking out the following proviso from the 1st section:

"*Provided*, That no other or higher compensation shall be paid to the commissioners appointed to negotiate with said Indians than is authorized by the act approved seventeenth July, eighteen hundred and forty-two, nor shall any expenditure be allowed by the accounting officers but what shall appear to have been proper and reasonable, and which shall in all respects be supported by the most satisfactory vouchers: *Provided, further*, That no account shall be allowed except for objects authorized in the instructions to the commissioners:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Bagby, Breese, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Niles, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Atherton, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Fairfield, Haywood, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, Miller, Morehead, Speight, Turney, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On the question to concur in the following amendment: after the 21st line insert:

"*Provided, however*, That bills or drafts heretofore drawn and negotiated by said commissioners, or either of them, on the Commissioner of

Indian Affairs, in pursuance of instructions and authority given to them, shall be paid out of this appropriation, holding said commissioners to a due accountability for the amount or proceeds of said bills or drafts:"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been amended,

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That it pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 350. An act for the relief of Griffin Kelly;

H. R. 351. An act for the relief of Benjamin Allen;

reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Haywood, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 310) to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, reported it with amendments: which were read, and ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Andrew Parke: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 515) making appropriations for certain objects of expenditure therein specified.

The House of Representatives insist on their amendment to the first amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847; and on their disagreement to the third and seventh amendments of the Senate to the said bill; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, and have appointed Mr. McKay, Mr. James A. Black, and Mr. Ashmun to be managers at the same on their part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (H. R. 515,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Upham, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 30 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, John-

son, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 515) making appropriations for certain objects of expenditure therein specified; and that they had presented to the President of the United States the 22d instant the enrolled bill (H. R. 492) entitled "An act authorizing the issue of treasury notes and a loan."

The Vice President signed the enrolled resolution (S. R. 3) and the enrolled bill (H. R. 515) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, (S. R. 33,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution (H. R. 42) directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two houses of Congress: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (S. R. 33) authorizing the sale of certain land at Baton Rouge to the State of Louisiana.

The Vice President signed the resolution (S. R. 33) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Cameron presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Norristown, Pennsylvania, protesting against any modification of the tariff of 1842.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of proprietors and workers of coal mines in Carbon county, Pennsylvania, praying that the existing duty on foreign coal may not be reduced.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of freeholders and inhabitants of the counties of Carbon and Luzerne, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of coal merchants of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying that the existing duty on foreign coal may not be reduced.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of shippers and importers in the city and county of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the present mode of collecting duties on imports.

A motion being made by Mr. Cameron, that the proceedings and memorials be printed:

On motion by Mr. Speight, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. McDuffie, that the motion lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said memorials and proceedings be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Cilley presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of New Hampshire, expressing their opinion that "it is the duty of the government in laying all import duties and collecting its revenues to afford such incidental protection to our various industrial pursuits as may be consistent with an economical administration of the government, and the public interests may require."

The resolution was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Vice President presented a communication signed by P. M. Butler, requesting that an investigation may be made into the manner in which the funds intrusted to his charge for negotiating a treaty with the Camanche and other Indians were expended: which was read.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be directed to examine into the causes of complaint which exist concerning the delay in the distribution of Frémont's report, and whether any officer or person in the employ of the Senate has disposed of or withheld documents printed by order of the Senate, in a manner contrary to the rules of the Senate.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the twenty-fourth rule of the Senate shall not be so construed as to authorize any debate or discussion upon a motion to print any memorial or petition presented to the Senate; nor shall any explanation of any memorial or petition be made, except by the Senator introducing it.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to inform the Senate by what authority of law the office of "principal steam engineer" in the navy has been created or continued from year to year; what services have been performed by that officer which do not appropriately belong to

the duties of engineer in chief, or of some other officer in the engineer department; what are the appropriate duties of the engineer in chief of the navy, with a detailed statement of the services in which he has been engaged since the present incumbent came into office, including a statement of such plans and estimates and drawings of engines as he has at any time made or furnished for fitting out any new steam vessel belonging to the government, or altering or repairing any which has already been in service. And that he further report the compensation, if any, which the "principal steam engineer" and the "engineer in chief" have received from the government for services of any and every kind whatever, over and above the salaries which have been allowed them by law.

Resolved, further, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to communicate to the Senate the names of "the engineers of the United States navy," together with the date of their appointment, and the rank and annual pay of each; also, to furnish the evidence of the qualifications of each for the performance of their several duties.

Resolved, further, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to inform the Senate whether any member or members of the engineer corps attached to the navy, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, has been reduced in rank or pay, or dismissed from the service, except for crime, without trial by court martial, and if so, under what law, and by what authority, and for what cause the reduction in rank or pay or dismissal has taken place; and whether any person and, if any, who, not known as an officer under the laws of the United States, has presided as an examiner or judge at any tribunal where the qualifications of officers appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, have been inquired into; together with the names and authority of such person or persons, and under what law, authority, or regulation any examination or trial has been held by such person or persons, and whether such trial or examination was public or private and under injunctions of secrecy.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom the following subjects were referred, with the several motions to print the same:

Memorial of merchants and importers of the city of New York, presented the 16th July;

Proceedings of a meeting of democratic citizens of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, presented the 18th July;

Memorial of a meeting of paper manufacturers of New England, presented the 21st July;

Memorial of coal owners and iron-masters of Richmond;

reported against printing the same.

On the question to concur in the report,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... Nays, ... }

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, *Westcott*, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Sturgeon, Woodbridge.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the negative.

The question recurring on the motions to print the said memorials and proceedings:

Ordered, That the said memorials and proceedings be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom the following subjects were referred, with the several motions to print the same:

Memorial of S. and P. T. Ellicott, presented the 20th July;

Petition of farmers and workingmen of Mercer county, New Jersey; reported against printing the same.

On the question to concur in the report,

It was determined in the negative: whereupon,

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War, on the subject of appropriations made for the improvement of rivers and harbors, with the motion to print the same, reported in favor of printing the report: whereupon,

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, on the subject of the manufactured articles upon which fifty-four millions of dollars are annually paid to the protected classes by enhancing the price of the domestic articles: which was read, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 204. An act for the relief of Daniel H. Warren;

H. R. 207. An act for the relief of Peter Rife;

H. R. 298. An act for the relief of Leah Gray;

H. R. 299. An act for the relief of Mary Campbell, widow of John Campbell;

reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 371) for the relief of John Milsted, of Escambia county, Florida, reported it without amendment.

Mr. John M. Clayton, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 149) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Henry R. Schoolcraft, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 34) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the

bill (H. R. 66) making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, (H. R. 66,) as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Fairfield, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the amendment, viz: at the end of the bill insert:

"*For payment of invalid pensions, which, prior to* 1844, *were paid from the privateer pension fund*, $3,000:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Bagby, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Fairfield, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Miller, Niles, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Evans, Haywood, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Pearce, Pennybacker, Rusk, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

No further amendment being proposed,

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The resolution (H. R. 42) directing the manner of procuring the printing of the two houses of Congress, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the contingent expenses of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847: and,

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon; and that the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Benton, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Lewis, were accordingly appointed.

Mr. Lewis being, on his motion, excused from serving on the committee of conference,

Mr. Semple was appointed in his stead.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of Valentine Mott and others, physicians and druggists, of the city of New York, praying that no duty may be imposed on imported leeches.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the 23d instant, the following bill and joint resolutions:

S. 3. Joint resolution regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation of the same.

S. 33. Joint resolution authorizing the sale of certain land at Baton Rouge to the State of Louisiana.

H. R. 515. An act making appropriations for certain objects of expenditure therein specified.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution fixing an hour of the day for the adjournment of Congress: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 22d instant, the enrolled bill (H. R. 492) to authorize the issue of treasury notes and a loan.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 210. An act for the relief of Patrick Kelly, senior, of the county of Indiana, State of Pennsylvania;

H. R. 239. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Conant, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York;

H. R. 300. An act for the relief of Lewis Laing;

H. R. 301. An act for the relief of William Gump;

H. R. 334. An act for the relief of Patrick Masterson;

H. R. 348. An act granting a pension to Joseph Dusseau;

reported them severally without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Samuel R. Read, and that the petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 266. An act for the relief of James Gee;

H. R. 292. An act for the relief of Margaret Gwinnup, of Hamilton county, Ohio;

H. R. 336. An act for the relief of Mary Phelps;

reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 302) for the relief of John Carr, John Batty, and Samuel Stevenson, seamen on board the whale ship Margaret, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 459) in relation to the payment of claims, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 459) in relation to the

payment of claims: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 121) to repeal that part of the act of the 30th August, 1842, which imposes a duty of twenty per centum ad valorem on Java coffee, and to refund the discriminating tonnage duties levied on Spanish vessels (except those from Cuba and Porto Rico) by the act of the 13th July, 1832, and to prohibit such duties hereafter, together with the amendments reported thereto: and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 454) further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 23d instant, the following resolutions:

S. 3. A resolution regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation of the same.

S. 33. A resolution authorizing the sale of certain land at Baton Rouge to the State of Louisiana.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Dix, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 18) making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 35 / Nays, ... 14

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Greene, Hannegan,

Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Bagby, Chalmers, Fairfield, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin, to amend the bill by inserting, after line 104, the following:

"For the improvement and continuation of the canal around the Muscle shoals, in the Tennessee river, and removing obstructions in said river above said shoals, one hundred thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the War Department:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13 / Nays, ... 36

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Barrow, Breese, Chalmers, Crittenden, Evans, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Rusk, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Cass, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Haywood, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin, to amend the bill by striking out the following:

"For the improvement of the Ohio river above the falls at Louisville, eighty thousand dollars;

"For the improvement of the Ohio river below the falls at Louisville, and of the Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas rivers, two hundred and forty thousand dollars;

"For removing the raft of Red river, and for the improvement of said river, eighty thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13 / Nays, ... 38

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Bagby, Berrien, Calhoun, Cilley, Fairfield, Jarnagin, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Atherton, to amend the bill by inserting at the end thereof, the following:

"*Provided, That no money shall be drawn from the treasury on account*

of any appropriation contained in this act, unless the revenues of the government shall be sufficient to pay the current expenses of the year without resorting to treasury notes or loans:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 33

On motion by Mr. Turney,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Evans, Fairfield, Haywood, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Westcott, to amend the bill by inserting at the end thereof, the following:

"And whereas it is anticipated that the revenue for the year ending June 30th, 1847, will be inadequate to pay the expenditures of the government allowed by law, and that a resort must be had to other means for obtaining funds for the use of the government: therefore, in order to raise money to effect the objects of this act,

"Be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to make, sign, and issue certificates to an amount not exceeding the amount appropriated by this act, and ten per centum thereon, payable to the order of the Secretary of War, reciting the provisions of this act, and the specific item of appropriation to procure funds for which the same is issued, for such sums as he may deem proper, not less than $100; and the same shall be received at any of the land offices in payment for land purchased of the United States, sold at public sale or by private entry, and which certificates shall not bear interest; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall deliver said certificates to the Secretary of War; and that before any of said works shall be commenced, or any expense incurred thereon, the Secretary of War shall, by sale of so many of said certificates, as may be necessary, at public sale, for cash, within the State or Territory in which the particular work for which the same were issued, is situate, which sale may be at a discount of not more than ten per centum on the amount, if said certificates shall have raised the amount appropriated by this act, necessary to carry on such work:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yea, ... 1 / Nays, ... 43

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Mr. Westcott voted in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Haywood, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker,

Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Woodbridge.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill, by striking out, lines 60 and 61, the following:

"For the improvement of Little Fort harbor, on lake Michigan, twelve thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 29

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Bagby, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Davis, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dickinson, Greene, Hannegan, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

No further amendment being proposed, on the question, "Shall this bill pass to a third reading?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 34 / Nays, ... 16

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Bagby, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Fairfield, Haywood, Houston, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Pennybacker, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 51) to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate; and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication signed M. G. Lewis, uniting in the application of P. M. Butler for an investigation into the expenditures made by them in their mission to the Prairie Indians: which was read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and resolution:

H. R. 156. An act for the relief of Silas Waterman, of the county of Washington, and State of Vermont.

H. R. 164. An act for the relief of Elisha H. Holmes.

H. R. 166. An act for the relief of Gregory Thomas and others.

H. R. 526. An act supplementary to the act passed the 20th day of February, 1826, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia."

H. R. 46. Resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to adjudicate the claims of the Suquah-natch-ah and other clans of Choctaw Indians whose cases were left undetermined by the commissioners for the want of the township maps.

The House of Representatives have rejected the resolution from the Senate (S. R. 21) to authorize the President to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandots and Delawares for the purchase of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians; and

They have also rejected the bill (S. 118) for the relief of Thomas Brownell.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, July 25, 1846.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 18. An act making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers.

H. R. 454. An act further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.

H. R. 459. An act in relation to the payment of claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of operators, proprietors, miners, and others, citizens of Beaver Meadow, Pennsylvania, praying that the existing duties on foreign coal may not be changed.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon submitted documents relating to the claim of Joseph Elliott, a soldier in the revolutionary army, for a pension: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of mechanics and workingmen of Fishkill Landing, in the State of New York, praying that the bill (H. R. 384)

reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes, may not pass the Senate.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Ulster county, New York, praying that the tariff of 1842 may not be altered or repealed.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented four memorials of citizens of Schuylkill county, a memorial of citizens of Carbon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill counties, and a memorial of citizens of Beaver Meadow, in the State of Pennsylvania, engaged in the coal trade and the various occupations connected with the prosperity of the same, praying that the tariff of 1842 may not be repealed.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens in Danville, Pennsylvania, declaring that any change in the tariff of 1842 will prove fatal to the great interests of that State, and recommending the rejection of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Morehead presented the petition of David Whelply, praying compensation for his services in the expedition to the sources of the Mississippi in 1805 and 1806, commanded by Major General Pike: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Corwin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of changing the time of holding the winter term of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate entitled (S. 7) "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased," with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the following bills from the Senate:

S. 50. An act for the relief of Mrs. Pike, widow of the late General Pike.

S. 56. An act giving the assent of Congress to a change of the compact entered into between the United States and the State of Arkansas on her admission into the Union.

S. 89. An act for the relief of Amos Kendall.

S. 152. An act for the relief of Abraham B. Fannin.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Upham, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the following subjects:

Petition of Little and Brown and others, publishers, of Boston, presented the 22d July.

Memorial of mechanics of Dutchess county, New York, presented the 22d July.

Memorial of the freeholders and inhabitants of Carbon and Luzerne counties, Pennsylvania.

Two memorials of proprietors and workers of the anthracite collieries, in Pennsylvania, presented the 23d July.

Memorial of shippers and importers of the city and county of Philadelphia.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition and memorials be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 344. An act for the relief of Surranus Cobb;

H. R. 345. An act for the relief of Justin Jacobs;

H. R. 349. An act granting a pension to Abraham Ansmen;

H. R. 352. An act for the relief of Aquilla Goodwin;

reported them severally without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Garrett Burns, and from the further consideration of the petition of Thomas Henshaw and others.

Mr. Pennybacker, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 240) for the relief of Hobson Johns: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 347) for the relief of John Campbell, of Garland, in the State of Maine, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, the 22d July, in relation to a court of inquiry or court martial, on the calls for volunteers: and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution passed by the House of Representatives fixing the hour of the day at 12 o'clock meridian, for the adjournment sine die of the two houses of Congress: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Vice President signed the three enrolled bills this day reported to have been examined, (H. R. 18, 454, and 459,) and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have rejected the bill (S. 108) from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased."

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 54) for the relief of Nathaniel Phillips; also, the bill (S. 114) for the relief of Harriet L. Catching.

They have passed the bill (S. 49) granting a pension to Richard Elliott, with amendments; also, the bill (S. 155) for the relief of John Keith, of New York, with an amendment: in which amendments they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill (H. R. 320) for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Murray, junior: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Jarnagin reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the three enrolled bills (H. R. 18, H. R. 454, H. R. 459) this day reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Benton, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, July 27, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 50. An act for the relief of Mrs. Pike, widow of the late General Pike.

S. 54. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Phillips.

S. 114. An act for the relief of Harriet L. Catching.

S. 56. An act giving the assent of Congress to a change of the compact entered into between the United States and the State of Arkansas on her admission into the Union.

S. 89. An act for the relief of Amos Kendall.

S. 152. An act for the relief of Abraham B. Fannin.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the following letter from the honorable William H. Haywood, junior:

To the Senate of the United States:

I hereby respectfully resign my seat in the Senate as one of the Senators from North Carolina.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

WILL. H. HAYWOOD, Jr.

Washington City, *July* 25, 1846.

The letter was read.

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Ordered, That the Vice President be requested to communicate a copy of the aforegoing letter to the executive of North Carolina.

Mr. Cameron presented the proceedings of a meeting of democratic citizens residing in the valley of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, expressing their opposition to any alteration of the tariff act of 1842.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, that they be printed:

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Printing.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 92) making appropriations for certain defensive works of the United States for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1847: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Law. Taliaferro, and from the further consideration of the memorial of Joshua Kennedy.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of William A. Howard, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 28) "providing for the adjustment of all suspended preemption land claims in the several States and Territories."

The President of the United States approved and signed the 23d instant the bill (H. R. 515) entitled "An act making appropriations for certain objects of expenditure therein specified."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed six enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill (H. R. 156) for the relief of Silas Waterman, of the county of Washington, and State of Vermont, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The bill (H. R. 164) for the relief of Elisha H. Holmes, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

The bill (H. R. 166) for the relief of Gregory Thomas and others, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill (H. R. 320) for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Murray, junior, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 526) supplementary to the act passed on the 20th day of February, 1846, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia," was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The joint resolution (H. R. 46) to authorize the Secretary of War to *adjudicate* the claims of the Suquah-natch-ah and other clans of Choctaw

Indians whose cases were left undetermined by the commissioners for the want of the township maps, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 233) for the relief of John Chasseaud, the late consul of the United States for Syria and Palestine, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill (H. R. 233) as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 7) for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased: and,

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 155) for the relief of John Keith, of New York: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Resolved, That the Senate concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 49) granting a pension to Richard Elliott: and,

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the first amendment of the House of Representatives, and disagree to their second amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Vice President signed the six enrolled bills this day reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That Mr. Dix be appointed the chairman of the Committee on Commerce, in the place of Mr. Haywood, resigned; and that a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy: and

Mr. Pennybacker was appointed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton, that the bill be committed to the

Committee on Finance, with instructions to restore the specific duties prescribed by the act of August 30, 1842:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 29

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton, "that the bill be committed to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to remove the new duties imposed by said bill in all cases where any foreign raw material is taxed to the prejudice of any mechanic or manufacturer, so that no other or higher duty shall be collected on any such raw material than is provided by the act of August thirty, eighteen hundred and forty-two; and further so to regulate all the duties imposed by this bill as to raise a revenue sufficient for the exigencies of the country:"

A division of the question was called for; and the question being taken on the first clause of the proposed instructions, ending with the words "eighteen hundred and forty-two:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On the question to agree to the second clause, as follows: "and further so to regulate all the duties imposed by this bill as to raise a revenue sufficient for the exigencies of the country:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene,

Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be committed to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1846.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the documents relating to the claim of Elizabeth Pistole were referred, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 241) for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 242) to amend the act of June 30, 1834, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers."

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 240) for the relief of Hobson Johns, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was committed the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes, with certain instructions, reported that he was instructed by the committee to move to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill with the accompanying instructions; and accordingly submitted that motion: and,

On the question to agree to the motion to discharge the committee:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 27

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Webster, to amend the bill by striking out the 9th section as follows:

"SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That if, upon the examination of any parcel, package, or quantity of goods, of which entry has been made, the appraisers of the United States shall be of the opinion that the same are undervalued by the owner, importer, consignee, or agent, with the intention of defrauding the revenue of the United States, it shall be lawful for the collector within whose district the same may be entered, the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury first being obtained, if, in his opinion, the same shall be advisable, to take such goods for the use of the United States. And such collector shall cause such goods to be sold at public auction, within twenty days from the time of taking the same, in the manner prescribed by law for the sale of unclaimed goods; and the proceeds of such sale shall be placed forthwith into the treasury of the United States; and such collector is hereby authorized to pay out of the accruing revenue, to the owner, importer, consignee, or agent of the goods so taken, the value thereof as declared in the entry, and five per centum upon such amount in addition thereto; and the said collector shall render to the Secretary of the Treasury, with his accounts of the customs, a statement showing the amount of moneys so paid, the amount of duties chargeable on the goods so taken, and the amount of proceeds paid into the treasury; and this section shall be in force until the first July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, unless otherwise directed by Congress:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Webster,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, "that the bill be committed to a special committee, with instructions to remove the new duties imposed by the bill in all cases where any foreign raw material is taxed to the prejudice of any mechanic or manufacturer, so that no other or higher duty shall be collected on any such raw material than is provided by the act of 30th August, 1842:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 27

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton,

John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The Senate being equally divided,

The Vice President decided the question in the negative.

No further amendment having been made, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, to amend the bill by striking out the first five sections of the bill and inserting: "that from and after the first day of December next there shall be a reduction of twenty-five per cent. of the duties, whether specific or ad valorem, now imposed by law on articles of imported merchandise whereon duties exceeding thirty per cent. ad valorem are now charged: *Provided, nevertheless*, That duties on articles now charged with more than thirty per cent. shall not be reduced below thirty per cent;" and by striking out the seventh and eighth sections:

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, to amend the bill by inserting, section 1, line 8, after the word "duty:" "*Provided*, That this act shall only be so construed in regard to the duties on coal and iron, and all the kinds and manufactures of iron, as to reduce the duties thereon to a sum not exceeding twenty-five per cent. below the duties imposed thereon by the act of 12th August, 1842:"

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed:

On the question, Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 27

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President decided the question in the affirmative.

So it was

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

On motion by Mr. Niles, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to the first Monday in December next:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Niles,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, July 29, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (H. R. 46) "to authorize the Secretary of War to adjudicate the claims of the Su-quah-natch-ah and other clans of Choctaw Indians whose cases were left undetermined by the commissioners for the want of the township maps;" also, the bill (H. R. 233) "for the relief of John Chasseaud, the late consul of the United States for Syria and Palestine."

Mr. Bright also reported from the committee that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

S. 50. An act for the relief of Mrs. Pike, widow of the late General Pike.

S. 54. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Phillips.

S. 56. An act giving the assent of Congress to a change of the compact entered into between the United States and the State of Arkansas on her admission into the Union.

S. 89. An act for the relief of Amos Kendall.

S. 152. An act for the relief of Abraham B. Fannin.

S. 114. An act for the relief of Harriet L. Catching: and

That the committee had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased.

S. 28. An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories.

S. 155. An act for the relief of John Keith, of New York.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of William S. Clack and others, master mariners, and formerly commissioners of pilots, of the city of New York; ninety memorials of citizens of the city of New York, and four memorials of citizens of Richmond county, in the State of New York, severally praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may be repealed.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing an outfit for the commissioner to the Sandwich islands.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That Mr. Breese be the chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia, in place of Mr. Haywood, resigned; and that the Vice President appoint two members to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Rusk and Mr. Atherton were accordingly appointed.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) authorizing the erection, on the public grounds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington.

On motion by Mr. Benton, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Upham.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Maine on the subject of a marine hospital, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of certain citizens of Maine, praying for the establishment of a marine hospital, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to report thereon at the next session of Congress whether the public exigencies make it necessary to grant the prayer of said petition; and if so, to designate a place where such hospital ought to be erected to accommodate the public.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, by unanimous consent; and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (S. 243) in relation to the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Rhoda Barton, and from the further consideration of the petition of Susanna McCulloch.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 244) for the relief of Lois Mattison, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 335) entitled "An act for the relief of Elizabeth Betts, of the city of New York," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 42) directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two houses of Congress, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution, as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow, and be the special order of the day at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 390) for the relief of the owners of the ship Herald, of Baltimore, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 245) for the relief of Captain John Patton, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom the following *bills* were referred:

H. R. 132. An act for the relief of Emanuel Berri and John M. Reese;
H. R. 167. An act for the relief of N. and L. Dana and Company;
H. R. 168. An act for the relief of Philip and Eliphalet Greely;
reported them severally without amendment, and adversely.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills, as in Committee of the Whole: and

Resolved, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

They insist on their amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill (S. 49) granting a pension to Richard Elliott.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution (H. R. 46) and four enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 76) to authorize the President to increase the naval establishment of the United States by adding thereto the naval establishment of the late republic of Texas.

And, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Houston,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and be the order of the day at 11 o'clock.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1) to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, together with the amendments reported thereto.

On the question to agree to the following amendment:

Sec. 4, line 14. After "respectively," insert: "and also suitable apartments, with fire-proof vaults and safes, for the keeping of the public money collected and deposited at Detroit, shall be fitted up in the building belonging to the United States, in that city, for the use of the assistant treasurer hereafter directed there to be appointed:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Cass,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham.

The reported amendments having been in part agreed to:

On the question to agree to the following amendment:

Sec. 21, line 8, after "drafts," insert, "which cannot be disbursed at par:"

A debate ensued: and,

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (H. R. 384,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 243) in relation to the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio.

The Vice President signed the five enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John McCloud, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Semple, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Jones, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 244) for the relief of the legal representatives of John Rice Jones, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 320) for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Murray, junior, reported it without amendment, and that the bill ought not to pass.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Sour John, (an Indian,) deceased, reported a resolution (S. R. 35) for the relief of Tahny, Akey, Sally, Utzah, Olly, Polly, and Archibald, the widow and children of Sour John, a Cherokee Indian: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred a report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 26th February, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subject concerning the expediency of requiring vessels navigating Delaware bay to carry lights in the night time, in order to avoid collision, be again referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instructions to inquire into the facts, and report upon the expediency of making a more general provision in regard to vessels navigating along the coast of the United States; which report shall be made at the next session of Congress.

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The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, by unanimous consent: and the resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That Lewis G. De Russey have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That Horace F. Walworth and Benjamin Miles have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Jarnagin being excused, on his motion, from serving on the Committee on Enrolled Bills:

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President on the Committee on Enrolled Bills, in the place of Mr. Jarnagin, excused: and

Mr. Chalmers was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Breese, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Upham.

So the Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 235) entitled "An act to grant the right of pre-emption to actual settlers on the lands acquired from the Miami Indians in Indiana:" and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (H. R. 42) directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two houses of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Lewis, that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Pennybacker, Rusk, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

No amendment being made, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this resolution pass to a third reading?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 38 / Nays, ... 13

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Cass, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Breese, Cameron, Chalmers, Fairfield, Houston, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott.

So it was

Ordered, That this resolution pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 1) to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, together with the amendments reported thereto.

On the question to agree to the following amendment: section 21, after the 8th line, insert "*which cannot be disbursed at par*:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12 / Nays, ... 40

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Speight, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan,

Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Simmons, to amend the bill by inserting, section 21, line 13, after "par:"

"*Provided, That no draft upon any depository shall be transferred from the payee thereof in any other form than by the endorsement of the name of such payee upon the back of the same; and, if subsequently transferred, it shall be done by the endorsement of the last endorser; and when paid, the receipt of the payee or last endorser shall be taken; and no endorsement shall vest in the holder of such draft a right to collect the same unless by the terms of the endorsement it is made payable to him:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15 / Nays, ... 30

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Webster, Yulee.

The bill having been further amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the 30th July, 1846, the bill (H. R. 384) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 337) for the relief of Mary Segar, of Jefferson county, State of New York, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Jesse Haven, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 245) for the relief of Artimas Conant.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a memorial of A. Whitney, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 246) to set apart a portion of the public lands with which to construct a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed, without the maps.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Frost, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 247) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Benton submitted a communication from William Reynolds, lieutenant in the United States navy, relative to the Columbia river.

On motion by Mr. Benton, that it be printed:

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed the 29th instant, the following acts:

S. 50. An act for the relief of Mrs. Pike, widow of the late General Pike.

S. 54. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Phillips.

S. 56. An act giving the assent of Congress to a change of the compact entered into between the United States and the State of Arkansas on her admission into the Union.

S. 89. An act for the relief of Amos Kendall.

S. 114. An act for the relief of Harriet L. Catching.

S. 152. An act for the relief of Abraham B. Fannin.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That Samuel J. Smith have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 23d July, 1846, exhibiting a list of manufactured articles upon which certain duties are paid, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John D. Wyatt.

Mr. Pennybacker, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 166) for the relief of Gregory Thomas and others, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That John D. Wyatt have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That Cornelius Oakley have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 121) to repeal that part of the act of the 30th of August, 1842, which imposes a duty of twenty per cent. ad valorem on Java coffee, and to refund the discriminating tonnage duties levied on Spanish vessels (except those from Cuba and Porto Rico) by the act of 13th July, 1832, and to prohibit such duties hereafter.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill from the Senate (S. 51) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases," with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the following enrolled bills and resolution:

S. 243. An act in relation to the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio.

H. R. 235. An act to grant the right of pre-emption to actual settlers on the lands acquired by treaty from the Miami Indians in Indiana.

H. R. 121. An act to exempt coffee imported from the Netherlands from duty in certain cases, and for other purposes.

H. R. 42. Resolution directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two houses of Congress.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

S. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased.

S. 28. An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories.

S. 155. An act for the relief of John Keith, of New York.

H. R. 46. Resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to adjudicate the claims of the Su-quah-natch-ah and other clans of Choctaw Indians whose cases were left undetermined by the commissioners for the want of the township maps.

H. R. 233. An act for the relief of John Chasseaud, the late consul of the United States for Syria and Palestine.

The bill (H. R. 92) making appropriations for certain defensive works of the United States for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, was read, and passed to the second reading.

The bill (S. 127) to surrender to the State of Tennessee all title the United States have to lands in Tennessee south and west of the line commonly called the congressional reservation line, and to release to said State the proceeds of such of said lands as may have been sold by the State of Tennessee as the agent of the United States, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 76) to authorize the President to increase the naval establishment of the United States by adding thereto the naval establishment of the late republic of Texas.

On motion by Mr. Huntington, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Bagby, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 14) to define the boundaries of the State of Iowa, and to repeal so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, as relates to the boundaries of Iowa: and,

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and be the order of the day at 11 o'clock.

The amendments to the bill (H. R. 1) to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time: and,

After debate,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, together with the amendments reported thereto: and the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended:

On motion by Mr. Westcott, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 12

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Rusk, Sturgeon, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Breese, Calhoun, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Lewis, Pennybacker, Speight, Turney.

So the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1845.

Mr. Benton presented a communication addressed to him by Samuel R. Knox, a lieutenant in the navy of the United States, relative to the harbor at the mouth of the Columbia river.

On motion by Mr. Benton, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Atchison presented two petitions of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a mail route from Tully to Lancaster, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of Edward D. Tippett, praying the aid of government to enable him to complete a model of an improved steam engine which he was engaged in constructing, but was compelled to abandon for want of the necessary means: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Pennybacker submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act entitled "An act for the relief of Mary Ann Linton," approved June the 17th, 1844, as to put the said Mary Ann Linton on the same footing with widows entitled to pensions under the acts of 1838 and 1843.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had yesterday examined and presented to the President of the United States the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 243. An act in relation to the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio.

H. R. 121. An act to exempt coffee imported from the Netherlands from duty in certain cases, and for other purposes.

H. R. 235. An act to grant the right of pre-emption to actual settlers on the lands acquired by treaty from the Miami Indians, in Indiana.

H. R. 42. Resolution directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two houses of Congress.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Edward Harris Miles, reported a bill (S. 248) to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American barque Pons, of Philadelphia, by the name of the Cordelia: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 14) for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 526) supplementary to the act passed on the 20th day of February, 1846, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 194) for the relief of Abraham Horback; and,

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the

further consideration of the bill (H. R. 392) for the relief of William B. Lang; and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 388) for the relief of Joseph Curwen, surviving partner of Willing and Curwen, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Benton, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 49) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847," reported

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House; and, after free and full discussion on the subject of said disagreeing votes, have been unable to come to an agreement on the same. They therefore recommend that the Senate adhere to its amendments to said bill, disagreed to by the House, and to its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That they adhere to their amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and to their disagreement to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 14) to define the boundaries of the State of Iowa, and to repeal so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, as relates to the boundaries of Iowa: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (S. 222) to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, *the 30th July,* 1846, the following acts:

H. R. 459. An act in relation to the payment of claims.

H. R. 454. An act further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.

H. R. 384. An act reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 35) entitled "An act for the relief of James Low:" also, the resolution from the Senate (S. 14) entitled "An act for the relief of Putney and Riddle."

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes," with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, on its third reading, entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue:" and

On the question, "Shall this bill pass, with amendments?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 25

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were in part concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Yulee, to amend the bill by inserting

"For the commencement of a dry dock at Pensacola navy yard, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars,"

A motion was made by Mr. Cameron to amend the proposed amendment by inserting at the end thereof, "*Towards the construction of a dry or floating dock at the navy yard at Philadelphia, one hundred thousand dollars.*" And

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Cameron,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, John M Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Dickinson, Fairfield, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Sturgeon, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Davis, Dix, Evans, Hannegan, Huntington, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Semple, Speight, Turney, Upham.

So the amendment proposed to the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield, further to amend the proposed amendment by adding thereto,

"For building a dry dock at the navy yard, Kittery, Maine, one hundred thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... ; Nays, ... }

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Atherton, Berrien, Bright, Cilley, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Niles, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Turney, Upham, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Lewis, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Pennybacker, Semple, Speight, Sturgeon, Yulee.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Yulee, as amended on the motion of Mr. Cameron:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... ; Nays, ... }

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, John M Clayton, Corwin, Dayton, Fairfield, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Rusk, Simmons, Sturgeon, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Pennybacker, Phelps, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Upham.

So the amendment, as amended, was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Yulee, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following:

"For the commencement of a dry dock at Pensacola, one hundred thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... ; Nays, ... }

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Barrow, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Corwin, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Pearce, Rusk, Speight, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Bright, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Evans, Hannegan, Huntington, Miller, Niles, Pennybacker, Phelps, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Lewis, to amend the bill by inserting, after line 20, "*And the President is hereby authorized to construct by contract any vessel or steamer for the public service, when, in his opinion, the same can be done with equal efficiency and on terms more economical than in the present navy yards:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Bagby, Barrow, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dickinson, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Niles, Pennybacker, Sevier, Sturgeon, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Atherton, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Huntington, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Westcott.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield, to strike out the 3d section of the bill, viz:

"Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy, in the expenditure of the appropriation for the navy yard at Memphis, to confine the same to the construction of a ropewalk:"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Archer, to reconsider the vote last mentioned:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 17

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atchison, Barrow, Breese, Bright, John M. Clayton, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Hannegan, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Corwin, Crittenden, Fairfield, Houston, Jarnagin, Lewis, Mangum, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Turney.

So the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Fairfield, to strike out the third section:

It was determined in the negative.

The bill having been further amended,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, August 3, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, relating to frauds reported to have been committed by recent importations of sirups and molasses from the West India islands into the ports of the United States: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Houston presented the petition of William L. S. Dearing, praying remuneration for his expenses in fitting out and equipping a company of volunteers to serve in the Seminole war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Pearce presented a communication addressed to him by Charles Wilkes, a commander in the navy of the United States, relative to the survey of the mouth of the Columbia river, executed under his directions while in command of the exploring expedition.

On motion by Mr. Pearce, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

H. R. 14. An act to define the boundaries of the State of Iowa, and to repeal so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, as relates to the boundaries of said State.

S. 14. Resolution for the relief of Putney and Riddle.

S. 85. An act for the relief of James Low.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 155. An act for the relief of John Keith, of New York.

S. 243. An act in relation to the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio.

S. 28. An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories.

S. 7. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased.

Mr. Rusk submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire

into the propriety of establishing in the State of Texas such Indian agencies as the situation of the Indian tribes in that State may require.

Mr. Huntington submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the Senate, at the next session of Congress, a statement of the exports from the United States of imported merchandise under the act of Congress approved March 3, 1845, entitled "An act allowing drawback upon foreign merchandise exported in the original packages to Chihuahua and Santa Fe, in Mexico, and to the British North American provinces adjoining the United States," from the passage of said act to the 30th September, 1846, showing the amount of debentures paid, and distinguishing the ports or places in the adjoining provinces to which said exports have been made, and how much to each port or place, and the description of merchandise exported to each port or place.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 142) for the relief of Wiley B. Parnell, of Blount county, Alabama, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill (S. 252) to establish a superintendency, agencies, and sub-agencies for the Indians in the State of Texas: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 194) for the relief of Abraham Horback, reported it with an amendment: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Hannah Petty, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 249) for the relief of the heirs and representatives of John Beardon, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Kingsley B. Gibbs, executor of Zephaniah Kingsley, submitted a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of Kingsley B. Gibbs, executor of Zephaniah Kingsley, deceased, and the accompanying document, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General of the United States, to report thereon to the Senate the first day of the next session of Congress.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, by unanimous consent, and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7) "to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes," reported it with an amendment: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred a memorial of Matthew Solano and others, and a memorial of the legislature of the State of Florida, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 250) in relation to claims for losses sustained by Indian depredations and otherwise, in the late Seminole war.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John P. Baldwin, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 251) for the relief of John P. Baldwin, owner of the Spanish brig Gil Blas.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Petition of citizens of Ohio in favor of Samuel Hall.

Petition of Lydia Lord.

Petition of Ann Dodd.

Petition of Sarah Overbagh.

Petition of Maria Ostrander.

Petition of Benjamin Watson.

The bill (H. R. 457) to provide for the distribution of the laws and treaties of the United States published by Little and Brown, under the provisions of the resolution of Congress approved March 3, 1845, was read the second time.

The bill (H. R. 92) making appropriations for certain defensive works of the United States for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 321) to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin," approved March 3, 1843, and for other purposes: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (S. 79) to provide for the confirmation of certain settlement claims in the Greensburg land district, Louisiana, was considered as in Committee of the Whole, and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives further insist on their amendment to an amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, disagreed to by the Senate, and to their disagreement to the two amendments to the said bill adhered to by the Senate; ask a further conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon; and have appointed a committee of conference on their part.

They have passed the bill (S. 67) to provide for the final settlement of

the accounts of John Crowell, late agent for the Creek Indians, with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the following bills of the Senate:

S. 84. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Ballard.

S. 147. An act for the relief of Harriet Ward.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 57) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes:" and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 51) to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases: and

Resolved, That they do not concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives, insisted on by that House, to the bill (S. 49) granting a pension to Richard Elliott: and

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the said amendment, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Ashley, Mr. Pearce, and Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and the amendment of the House of Representatives to an amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, with the resolution of the House asking a further conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses: and

Resolved, That they agree to the further conference asked by the House of Representatives thereon, and that the committee be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Benton, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Cameron, were accordingly appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Chalmers reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 57) entitled "An act to establish a warehousing system, and to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes.'"

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 12) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes; together with the amendments reported thereto.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:

Sec. 1, line 2, strike out "twenty," and insert "*fifteen:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham.

On the question to agree to the second amendment reported by the committee, viz:

Strike out the following section:

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the quantity of land which the President of the United States shall hereafter proclaim and offer for sale in any one year shall not exceed three millions of acres;"

And in lieu thereof insert:

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That all public lands which, after the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, shall have been offered for sale fifteen years or more on the first of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, shall then be subject to graduation and entry, in like manner and at like periods of five years; and that all public lands which shall have been offered for sale fifteen years or more at the next succeeding period, or any subsequent one, shall be subject in like manner to graduation and entry at like periods of five years, as they consecutively occur: Provided, That no one person, under the provisions of this act, shall be authorized to purchase more than one section at the lowest rate of fifty cents per acre:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 29 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Upham.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Simmons, to amend the amendment by adding thereto:

"*Provided, That the entry of lands at fifty cents per acre shall be confined to actual occupants and settlers, and in quantities not exceeding one*

quarter section to any one person: And provided further, That all lands which shall have been subject to entry at said fifty cents per acre for five years, and all lands which have been offered for sale thirty years or more, shall be ceded to the several States, in proportion to the number of electoral votes to which such States may be respectively entitled at the time of such cession; the apportionment to be made to the several States in such mode, and the sales of said lands to be made under such regulations, as Congress shall prescribe. And all such lands remaining unsold on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, which shall have been in market thirty-five years or more, shall be subject to be taxed by the States in which they respectively lie, in the same manner as if they were at that time sold to individuals:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Simmons,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Westcott, to amend the amendment by adding thereto the following:

"SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of December, eighteen hundred and forty-six, any free white person, male or female, over the age of eighteen years, who may desire to make a permanent actual settlement and habitation upon and to cultivate any public lands of the United States subject to entry for the term of fifteen years prior to that day, and remaining unsold and not reserved from sale, or subject to pre-emption in favor of any other person, he or she may file his or her application, in writing, with the register of the land district in which said lands shall lie, specifying the township, range, section, and sectional subdivision of said lands; and upon his or her adducing satisfactory proof to the register aforesaid, and to the receiver of the same district, that no other person has settled upon said lands, which proof shall be filed with said register, then the said register and receiver shall issue to such applicant a certificate, reciting that upon the continued habitation and cultivation of said lands by said applicant, or, should he or she have died, by his or her heirs, for the term of five years from and after the date of said certificate, and upon proof thereof being made within ninety days after the expiration of said term to such register and receiver as aforesaid, such applicant, or, if he or she shall have died, his or her heirs, shall be entitled to the said lands, and that a patent shall issue therefor to such applicant, or his or her heirs, without any charge therefor; and which patent shall in such case issue as aforesaid: Provided, however, That in no case shall an application be made or certificate or patent be issued in favor of the same person for more than a*

quarter of a section of said lands: And provided, also, That the right of such applicant, or his or her heirs, to such lands, shall in no case be sold, assigned, or transferred, mortgaged, or hypothecated, before said patent shall be issued, and any agreement for that purpose shall be null and void; and no lien shall be allowed to be obtained or acquired on said right to said lands, nor shall such right to said lands be subject to sale by or under any process at law or in equity prior to said patent being issued and received by the person or persons entitled thereto.

"SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That it shall be unlawful for any person, except the applicant aforesaid, or his or her heirs as aforesaid, to settle upon or cultivate a quarter section of land for which a certificate shall have issued as aforesaid; and such illegal settlement shall in no case give such person any right to such lands, or interest therein:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Berrien, Bright, Cameron, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dickinson, Evans, Fairfield, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Pearce, Simmons, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, McDuffie, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On the question to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847; and the reported amendments having been in part agreed to, and further amendments being proposed,

On motion,

The Senate, after the consideration of Executive business, adjourned.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1846.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, (S. R. 14, S. 85, H. R. 14,) and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Militia be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Resolution instructing the committee to inquire into the expediency of organizing, arming, and equipping the militia of the Oregon territory.

Resolutions of the legislature of New York, presented May 13, on the subject of the militia.

Memorial of militia officers of Baltimore, on the subject of the militia laws.

Memorial of Ross Snowden and others.

Report of the Secretary of War, of the 3d of February, exhibiting the militia of the States and Territories.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 113. An act for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred;

H. R. 130. An act for the relief of Nathan Smith and others;

reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 209. An act for the relief of George Roush;

H. R. 332. An act for the relief of Jonathan Brown;

H. R. 338. An act for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania;

H. R. 340. An act for the relief of Polly Damron;

reported them severally without amendment, and that they ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills as in Committee of the Whole: and

Resolved, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Pearce also submitted a special report in relation to bill (H. R. 338) for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Petition of Hector St. John Beetley.

Petition of Robert Armstrong.

Petition of Elijah Buchanan.

Memorial of N. Nye Hall.

Petition of William Miller.

Petition of the legal representatives of Lemuel P. Montgomery.

Memorial of William De Courcy.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Davis asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 36) authorizing the Secretary of War to adjust by arbitration a controversy between the United States and David Ames; which, by unanimous consent, was read the first and second times, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Chalmers reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 147. An act for the relief of Harriet Ward.

S. 84. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Ballard.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 92) making appropriations for certain defensive works of the United States, for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, under the direction of the committee to audit and control the same, to each of the messengers, assistant messengers, the acting postmaster, pages, and laborers of the Senate, the same amounts, respectively, as were paid them under a resolution of the Senate at the last session.

The bill (S. 184) to remit the duties which have accrued or been paid upon the importation of railroad iron in certain cases was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Bagby, that it lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dayton, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Miller, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Davis, Dickison, Evans, Greene, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 21

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Evans, Greene, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Cilley, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Miller, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Chalmers reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 321. An act to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, in the Territory of Wisconsin," approved March, 3, 1843.

S. 67. An act to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Crowell, late agent for the Creek Indians.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

H. R. 14. An act to define the boundaries of the State of Iowa, and to peal so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, as relates to the boun- ıries of said State.
S. 85. An act for the relief of James Low.
S. 14. A resolution for the relief of Putney and Riddle.
The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Rep- sentatives to the bill (S. 67) to provide for the settlement of the accounts 'John Crowell, late agent for the Creek Indians: and
Resolved, That they concur therein.
Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accord- gly.
A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his ecretary:
Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved ıd signed the following acts:
S. 85. An act for the relief of James Low.
S. 14. An act for the relief of Putney and Riddle.
A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their lerk:
Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, e 3d instant, the following bills and joint resolutions:
H. R. 42. A resolution directing the manner of procuring the printing the two houses of Congress.
H. R. 233. An act for the relief of John Chasseaud, the consul of the nited States for Syria and Palestine.
H. R. 235. An act to grant the right of pre-emption to actual settlers on e lands acquired by treaty from the Miami Indians, in Indiana.
H. R. 121. An act to exempt coffee imported from the Netherlands from ıty in certain cases, and for other purposes.
H. R. 46. A resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to adjudicate ıe claims of the Su-quah-natch-ah and other clans of Choctaw Indians, hose cases were left undetermined by the commissioners for the want of ıe township maps.
And the 4th instant the following:
H. R. 14. An act to define the boundaries of the State of Iowa, and to peal so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, as relates to the boun- aries of Iowa.
The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed five enrolled ills, (S. 57, 67, 84, 147, H. R. 321,) I am directed to bring them to the enate for the signature of their President.
The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration ' the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic penses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, ıd for other purposes: and having been further amended, and additional nendments being proposed,
The Senate, after the consideration of Executive business, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, August 5, 1846.

The Vice President signed the five enrolled bills (H. R. 321, S. 57, 67, ı, 147,) last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to e committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Benton submitted papers relating to the harbor at the mouth of the Columbia river; which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the communications of William Reynolds, Samuel R. Knox, and Charles Wilkes, relating to the survey of the harbor of Columbia river: whereupon,

Ordered, That they be printed, with the exception of the paragraphs indicated by the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills from the Senate:

S. 68. An act to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801.

S. 79. An act for the confirmation of certain settlement claims in the Greensburg land district.

I am directed to inform the Senate that the President of the United States having returned the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers" to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, with his objections thereto, the House proceeded to reconsider the said bill; and the question being determined in the mode prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, two-thirds of the House did not, "on reconsideration," agree to pass the same.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 217) declaratory of the powers and legalizing certain acts of the chief clerk of the Patent Office, with certain instructions, reported the same with amendments; which were ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of New Hampshire, presented the 22d December, 1845.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the memorial of Edwin Bartlett, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 156) for the relief of Silas Waterman, of the county of Washington, and State of Vermont, reported the same without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy cause to be completed an exact survey of the southwest pass of the Mississippi river and the adjacent waters of the great bay of Barrataria, with an examination of the character of the marsh land separating those waters, between the pilot station

near the bar and Bayou Bull, as marked on the topographical chart in Senate document of 1st session 26th Congress, No. 463, in order to ascertain the practicability of excavating a ship canal of not less than thirty feet water from the said southwest pass to seven fathoms water (42 feet) in the said bay; the necessary extent of a mole or breakwater to reach seven fathoms, and an estimate of said canal and breakwater; also, that he report upon the effect which the location of a navy yard and ship canal there would have in strengthening, or otherwise, the defences of the Mississippi river; and that the result of said survey and examination be laid before Congress at the commencement of its next session.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, and under the direction of the committee to audit and control the same, to each of the officers and clerks of the Senate, the same amounts, respectively, that were paid them under a resolution of the Senate at the last long session of Congress.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, to Y. P. Page, the same per diem and compensation as is allowed to the messengers of the Senate, commencing with the present session.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Lewis, the 31st July, for the printing of five thousand additional copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the amount paid on the protected articles; and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The bill (S. 184) to remit the duties which have accrued or been paid upon the importation of railroad iron, in certain cases, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Miller, Semple, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (H. R. 10) for the relief of Seth M. Leavenworth; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 105) to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives further insist on its amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill granting a pension to Richard Elliott; agree to the conference asked by the Senate; and have appointed Mr. Brodhead, Mr. Ashmun, and Mr. Tibbatts, managers on the part of the House.

The House of Representatives insist on its amendment disagreed to by the Senate to the bill (S. 51) to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; and have appointed Mr. J. R. Ingersoll, Mr. Daniel, and Mr. J. J. McDowell, managers on the part of the House.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 1) entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue."

Mr. Evans presented the memorial of Agnes Slaeke and the heirs of the Chevalier De Repentigny, praying the confirmation of their title to a tract of land in the State of Michigan; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. McDuffie presented the petition of William A. Carson, praying permission to change the registry of a steamboat purchased and rebuilt by him; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Chalmers, from the Committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 68. An act to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801.

S. 79. An act to provide for the confirmation of certain settlement claims in the Greensburg land district, Louisiana.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to improvements in the light-house system of the United States, and collateral aids to navigation: which was read, and ordered to be printed, with the accompanying drawings.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government, for the year ending June 30, 1847.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by inserting after line 518, *"To reimburse the State of Massachusetts for military service in the late war, $227,176 17, or such sum as has been reported as due to the State by the Secretary of War:"*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 17

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Sevier, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Lewis, McDuffie, Semple, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the following amendment:

After line 518 insert: *"To the State of Virginia, sixty-four thousand four hundred and fifty-two dollars eighty-seven cents, claimed by her as due under the act of 5th July, 1832, entitled 'An act for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia:'"*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Bright, Thomas Clayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Lewis, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Yulee.

So the amendment was concurred in.

On the question to concur in the following amendments:

"For the erection of marine hospitals on the sites owned by the United States at or near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Louisville and Paducah, Kentucky, and Cleveland, Ohio, eighty thousand dollars; that is to say, twenty thousand dollars for each:"

"For the erection of a marine hospital at Napoleon, in the State of Arkansas, ten thousand dollars: *Provided*, The Secretary of the Treasury should be satisfied that the title to the land ceded to the United States for a marine hospital at Napoleon is clear and free from controversy:"

"For completing the marine hospital at New Orleans, the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars; and for providing the same with suitable furniture, the sum of seven thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 35 / Nays, ... 12

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Barrow, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dix, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Bright, Dickinson, Fairfield, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The residue of the amendments having been concurred in,

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the bill by inserting after line 518: "*For paying the principal and interest of the fourth and fifth instalments of the Mexican indemnities due in April and July in the year* 1844, *the sum of three hundred and twenty thousand dollars: Provided, The claimants, each for himself, shall relinquish to the United States his right to said instalments:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Breese, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Dickinson, Dix, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Morehead, Niles, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Davis, Evans, Fairfield, Huntington, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Phelps, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the bill by inserting after line 518: "*For paying the principal and interest of the fourth and fifth instalments of the Mexican indemnities due in April and July in the year* 1844, *the sum of three hundred and twenty thousand dollars: Provided, The claimants, each for himself, shall relinquish to the United States his right to said instalments: Provided further, That each of the claimants shall agree to take in payment a scrip of a stock bearing interest at five per centum, payable in five years:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affimative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Breese, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Dickinson, Dix, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Davis, Evans, Fairfield, Huntington, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Yulee.

The bill being further amended,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 116) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, together with the amendments reported thereto; and having been amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 6, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate, herewith, a copy of a convention for the settlement and adjustment of the Oregon question, which was concluded in this city on the 15th day of June last, between the United States and her Britannic Majesty. This convention has since been duly ratified by the respective parties, and the ratifications were exchanged at London on the 17th day of July, 1846.

It now becomes important that provision should be made by law, at the earliest practicable period, for the organization of a territorial government in Oregon.

It is also deemed proper that our laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes east of the Rocky mountains should be extended to such tribes within our territory as dwell beyond them; and that a suitable number of Indian agents should be appointed for the purpose of carrying these laws into execution.

It is likewise important that mail facilities, so indispensable for the diffusion of information, and for binding together the different portions of our extended confederacy, should be afforded to our citizens west of the Rocky mountains.

There is another subject to which I desire to call your special attention. It is of great importance to our country generally, and especially to our navigating and whaling interests, that the Pacific coast, and, indeed, the whole of our territory west of the Rocky mountains, should speedily be filled up by a hardy and patriotic population. Emigrants to that territory have many difficulties to encounter and privations to endure, in their long and perilous journey; and, by the time they reach their place of destina-

tion, their pecuniary means are generally much reduced, if not altogether exhausted. Under these circumstances, it is deemed but an act of justice that these emigrants, whilst most effectually advancing the interests and policy of the government, should be aided by liberal grants of land. I would, therefore, recommend that such grants be made to actual settlers, upon the terms and under the restrictions and limitations which Congress may think advisable.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *August* 5, 1846.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That the message lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate to the officers and messengers in the library of Congress the same additional compensation as has been allowed at the present session to the clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Memorial of the chiefs of the Tonawanda Indians.

Three memorials of citizens of New York, against the abrogation of certain treaties with the Seneca Indians.

Forty-two petitions of citizens of New York, on the same subject.

Report of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, showing certain disbursements for the benefit of Indians from October 1, 1844, to September 30, 1845.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in relation to section 16, township 3 north, range 16 east, in Seneca county, Ohio.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 159) to authorize the agent for paying pensions at Cincinnati to pay to John Wing any arrears of pension money due to

Dorothy Terrill, deceased, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole: and

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John G. Smith.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of William Pool;

H. R. 346. An act granting a pension to Daniel Pratt;

reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred a resolution (H. R. 23) for the relief of John B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 392) for the relief of William B. Lang, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 52) for the relief of Samuel D. Walker, of Baltimore, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution (S. R. 36) authorizing the Secretary of War to adjust by arbitration a controversy between the United States and David Ames, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Semple, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 157) to provide for the transportation of the United States mail across the isthmus of Panama, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Barrow, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred a petition of Bethia Healy, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 253) granting a pension to Bethia Healy, widow of George Healy, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 149) for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass to a third reading?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32 / Nays, ... 15

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cass, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Ashley, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 49) entitled "An act granting a pension to Richard Elliot," reported:

"That they have met the conferees upon the part of the House, and, after free and full conference upon the subject of the said disagreeing vote, the joint conferees have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to the respective houses, to adopt the following amendment to that part of the bill in regard to which the two houses differ:

Strike out all after the word "pensioners," in the 6th line, and insert, "under the act of the 7th of June, A. D. 1832, and allow him a pension for six months' service in pursuance of said act."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives, insisted on by that house, to the bill (S. 51) to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases: and

Resolved, That they agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives; and that the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Evans, Mr. Speight, and Mr. Turney, were appointed accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That William B. Foster have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That L. P. Montgomery have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Evans, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 49) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847," reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House, and, after free and full conference on the subject of said disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to their respective houses, that the House recede from its amendment to the first amendment of the Senate, and agree to said amendment of the Senate; that the Senate recede from its third amendment, and agree to amend said amendment by striking out 'twenty' and inserting 'fifteen;' and that the House agree to said amendment thus amended; that the House recede from its disagreement to the seventh amendment of the Senate, and agree to the said amendment."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein; and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 23) for the relief of Mary McRea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William McRea, late of the United States army, deceased; and, having been amended,

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 127) to surrender to the State of Tennessee all title the United States have to lands in Tennessee south and west of the line commonly called the Congressional reservation line, and to release to said State the proceeds of such of said lands as may have been sold by the State of Tennessee as the agent of the United States.

The House of Representatives concur in the 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 11th amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847; they concur in the 3d and 10th amendments of the Senate to the same, with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate; and they disagree to the 1st, 8th, and 9th amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 174) to regulate the proceedings in the circuit and district courts of the United States, and for other purposes; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Chalmers reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (H. R. 10) for the relief of Seth M. Leavenworth; the bill (H. R. 1) entitled "An act for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue;" also the bill (H. R. 105) to enable the people of Wisconsin to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of said State into the Union.

The Vice President signed the four enrolled bills (H. R. 1, 105, S. 68, 79) and the enrolled resolution (H. R. 10) last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Chalmers reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

S. 57. An act to establish a warehousing system, and to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes."

S. 67. An act for the final settlement of the accounts of John Crowell, late agent for the Creek Indians.

S. 84. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Ballard.

S. 147. An act for the relief of Harriet Ward.

H. R. 321. An act to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, in the Territory of Wisconsin," approved March 3, 1843.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 57. An act to establish a warehousing system, and to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes."

S. 67. An act to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Crowell, late agent for the Creek Indians.

S. 147. An act for the relief of Harriet Ward.

S. 84. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Ballard.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847: whereupon,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and disagree to the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, August 7, 1846.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 127. An act to surrender to the State of Tennessee all the title the United States have to lands in Tennessee south and west of the line commonly called the Congressional reservation line, and to release to said State the proceeds of such of said lands as may have been sold by the State of Tennessee as the agent of the United States.

H. R. 149. An act for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton.

Mr. Chalmers reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 1. An act for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue.

H. R. 105. An act to enable the people of Wisconsin to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of said State into the Union.

S. 68. An act to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801.

S. 79. An act to provide for the confirmation of certain settlement claims in the Greensburg land district, Louisiana.

H. R. 10. Joint resolution for the relief of Seth M. Leavenworth.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, under the direction of the Committee to audit and control the same, to each of the two laborers of the Senate, fifty cents per day in addition to their present compensation, to commence from the first of the session.

Mr. Cass submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed for the use of the Senate the following paper:

Extract from the charter granted to the Hudson's Bay Company by Charles II, dated May the 2d, "in the two and twentieth year of his reign," being 1671.

The third section provides that the persons named, "and such others as shall be admitted into the said society, as is hereafter expressed, shall be one body corporate and politique, in deed and in name, by the name of *the governor and company of adventurers of England trading into Hudson's bay*, and them by the name of *the governor and company of adventurers of England trading into Hudson's bay* one body corporate and politique in deed and in name, really and fully FOREVER, for us, our heirs and successors," &c.

"And further we do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, make, create, and constitute the said governor and company for the time being, and their successors, the true and absolute lords and proprietors of the same territories, limits, and places aforesaid, and of all other premises, saving always the faith and allegiance and sovereign dominion to us, our heirs and successors, for the same; to have, hold, possess, and enjoy the said territories, limits, and places, and all and singular other the premises hereby granted, as aforesaid, with their and every of their rights, members, jurisdictions, prerogatives, royalties, and appurtenances whatever, to them the said governor and company and their successors FOREVER, to be holden of us, our heirs and successors, as of our manor of East Greenwich, in the county of Kent, in free and common soccage, and not in capite, or by knight service: yielding and paying yearly to us, our heirs and successors, for the same, two elks and two black beavers, whensoever and as often as we, our heirs, and successors, shall happen to enter into the said countries, territories, and regions hereby granted."

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of documents relating to the claim of Joseph Elliott, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to avail himself of such means as may be afforded by the organization of the Indian department to collect all such information as may be practicable respecting the condition, habits, and progress of the Indian tribes of the United States, and to lay the same from time to time, as may be convenient, before the Senate.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 86) for the relief of Joseph Chaires, executor of Benjamin Chaires, deceased, Gad Humphreys, and Pedro Meranda, claiming to be assignees of Jose de la Maya Arredondo, of the State of Florida, reported that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. Ashley also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Webster submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform the

Senate whether any treasury notes have been issued under the late law authorizing such issues; if any, to what amount; and if not, what reason has prevented such issues.

Mr. John M. Clayton, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of John A. Rogers, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 254) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Mary G. Clitz, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 255) for her relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 49) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847; and that the bill be amended accordingly.

They insist on their disagreement to the 8th and 9th amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year 1847; and on their amendments to the 3d and 10th amendments of the Senate to the same; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses; and have appointed Mr. McKay, Mr. Schenck, and Mr. McClean, a committee of conference on their part.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 109) to carry into effect a convention between the United States and the republic of Peru, concluded at Lima the 17th day of March, 1841; also

A bill (H. R. 533) to establish a territorial government in Oregon; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed an order for the appointment of an additional member, on their part, on the Committee on Enrolled Bills; and Mr. Biggs has been appointed on their part.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, (S. 127, H. R. 149,) and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 533) to establish the territorial government of Oregon was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Territories.

The bill (H. R. 109) to carry into effect the convention between the United States and the republic of Peru, concluded at Lima the 17th day of March, 1841, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Pearce submitted the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That each member of the Senate be authorized to subscribe for twelve copies of the debates of Congress, as published in the Congressional Globe, by Blair and Rives, or in the Register of Debates, by Gales and Seaton: *Provided,* the reports of said debates shall be subject to the revision of the Speakers, and shall be mixed with no extrinsic matter,

ether political or otherwise, and shall be paid for out of the contingent
d of the Senate at prices not exceeding three dollars per copy, for the
ates of the short sessions, and six dollars per copy for the debates of the
g sessions. But if the printing done in publishing said reports of de-
es shall not amount to those prices at the present rates of Congress
ting, then the price of said copies to be as much less as the deficiency
hese rates may amount to; but in no case is the price of said copies to
ed three and six dollars each, as above provided.
Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to contract
h Messrs. Blair and Rives, and with Messrs. Gales and Seaton, accord-
y, and notify the Senate thereof.
The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, by unanimous consent.
On the question to agree thereto,
it was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Cass, Cilley, John M.
yton, Corwin, Davis, Dickinson, Greene, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson,
Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Simmons,
rgeon, Woodbridge.
Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Calhoun, Cameron, Thomas
yton, Evans, Fairfield, McDuffie, Niles, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight,
ney, Westcott, Yulee.
So the resolution was agreed to.
The bill (H. R. 174) to regulate the proceedings of the circuit and dis-
t courts of the United States, and for other purposes, was read the
t and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Com-
tee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Chalmers,
Ordered, That a member be added to the Committee on Enrolled Bills
the part of the Senate, and that the appointment be made by the Vice
sident: and
Mr. Cilley was appointed.
Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.
The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
(H. R. 217) declaratory of the powers and legalizing certain acts of
chief clerk of the Patent Office, with the amendment reported thereto:
, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amend-
it was concurred in.
Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third
e.
The said bill was read a third time as amended.
Resolved, That this bill, pass with an amendment.
Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of
Representatives in the amendment.
The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration
he bill (S. 207) in amendment of an act entitled "An act to reduce the
s of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking
ilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the Post Office Department:"

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Barrow, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dix, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Bright, Dickinson, Fairfield, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The residue of the amendments having been concurred in,

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the bill by inserting after line 518: "*For paying the principal and interest of the fourth and fifth instalments of the Mexican indemnities due in April and July in the year* 1844, *the sum of three hundred and twenty thousand dollars: Provided, The claimants, each for himself, shall relinquish to the United States his right to said instalments:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Benton, Breese, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Dickinson, Dix, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Morehead, Niles, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Davis, Evans, Fairfield, Huntington, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Phelps, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the bill by inserting after line 518: "*For paying the principal and interest of the fourth and fifth instalments of the Mexican indemnities due in April and July in the year* 1844, *the sum of three hundred and twenty thousand dollars: Provided, The claimants, each for himself, shall relinquish to the United States his right to said instalments: Provided further, That each of the claimants shall agree to take in payment a scrip of a stock bearing interest at five per centum, payable in five years:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affimative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Breese, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Dickinson, Dix, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Davis, Evans, Fairfield, Huntington, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, *Yulee.*

The bill being further amended,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 116) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, together with the amendments reported thereto; and having been amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 6, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate, herewith, a copy of a convention for the settlement and adjustment of the Oregon question, which was concluded in this city on the 15th day of June last, between the United States and her Britannic Majesty. This convention has since been duly ratified by the respective parties, and the ratifications were exchanged at London on the 17th day of July, 1846.

It now becomes important that provision should be made by law, at the earliest practicable period, for the organization of a territorial government in Oregon.

It is also deemed proper that our laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes east of the Rocky mountains should be extended to such tribes within our territory as dwell beyond them; and that a suitable number of Indian agents should be appointed for the purpose of carrying these laws into execution.

It is likewise important that mail facilities, so indispensable for the diffusion of information, and for binding together the different portions of our extended confederacy, should be afforded to our citizens west of the Rocky mountains.

There is another subject to which I desire to call your special attention. It is of great importance to our country generally, and especially to our navigating and whaling interests, that the Pacific coast, and, indeed, the whole of our territory west of the Rocky mountains, should speedily be filled up by a hardy and patriotic population. Emigrants to that territory have many difficulties to encounter and privations to endure, in their long and perilous journey; and, by the time they reach their place of destina-

tion, their pecuniary means are generally much reduced, if not altogether exhausted. Under these circumstances, it is deemed but an act of justice that these emigrants, whilst most effectually advancing the interests and policy of the government, should be aided by liberal grants of land. I would, therefore, recommend that such grants be made to actual settlers, upon the terms and under the restrictions and limitations which Congress may think advisable.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *August* 5, 1846.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That the message lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate to the officers and messengers in the library of Congress the same additional compensation as has been allowed at the present session to the clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Memorial of the chiefs of the Tonawanda Indians.

Three memorials of citizens of New York, against the abrogation of certain treaties with the Seneca Indians.

Forty-two petitions of citizens of New York, on the same subject.

Report of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, showing certain disbursements for the benefit of Indians from October 1, 1844, to September 30, 1845.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in relation to section 16, township 3 north, range 16 east, in Seneca county, Ohio.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 159) to authorize the agent for paying pensions at Cincinnati to pay to John Wing any arrears of pension money due to

Dorothy Terrill, deceased, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole: and

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John G. Smith.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of William Pool;

H. R. 346. An act granting a pension to Daniel Pratt;

reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred a resolution (H. R. 23) for the relief of John B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 392) for the relief of William B. Lang, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 52) for the relief of Samuel D. Walker, of Baltimore, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution (S. R. 36) authorizing the Secretary of War to adjust by arbitration a controversy between the United States and David Ames, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Semple, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 157) to provide for the transportation of the United States mail across the isthmus of Panama, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Barrow, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred a petition of Bethia Healy, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 253) granting a pension to Bethia Healy, widow of George Healy, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 149) for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass to a third reading?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32 / Nays, ... 15

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cass, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Ashley, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 49) entitled "An act granting a pension to Richard Elliot," reported:

"That they have met the conferees upon the part of the House, and, after free and full conference upon the subject of the said disagreeing vote, the joint conferees have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to the respective houses, to adopt the following amendment to that part of the bill in regard to which the two houses differ:

Strike out all after the word "pensioners," in the 6th line, and insert, "under the act of the 7th of June, A. D. 1832, and allow him a pension for six months' service in pursuance of said act."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives, insisted on by that house, to the bill (S. 51) to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases: and

Resolved, That they agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives; and that the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Evans, Mr. Speight, and Mr. Turney, were appointed accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That William B. Foster have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That L. P. Montgomery have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Evans, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 49) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1847," reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House, and, after free and full conference on the subject of said disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to their respective houses, that the House recede from its amendment to the first amendment of the Senate, and agree to said amendment of the Senate; that the Senate recede from its third amendment, and agree to amend said amendment by striking out 'twenty' and inserting 'fifteen;' and that the House agree to said amendment thus amended; that the House recede from its disagreement to the seventh amendment of the Senate, and agree to the said amendment."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein; and that the bill be amended accordingly.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 181. An act for the relief of Langtry and Jenkins.

H. R. 162. An act for the relief of Isaiah Parker.

H. R. 157. An act granting a pension to Orris Crosby.

H. R. 408. An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the county of Polk, in the Territory of Iowa, to enter a quarter section of land for a seat of justice.

H. R. 373. An act to equalize the compensation of the surveyors general of the public lands of the United States, and for other purposes.

H. R. 158. An act granting a pension to Elijah C. Babbit.

H. R. 172. An act for the relief of John G. McCloud, of Linn county, Iowa.

H. R. 173. An act to confirm an entry of land made by the administrator of James Anderson, deceased, of Iowa Territory.

And no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That Asa Andrews have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until 6 o'clock in the evening.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, (Mr. Sevier in the chair,) the bill (H. R. 439) disaffirming all laws of the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin granting banking privileges.

And, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Davis, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Huntington, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Niles, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Breese, that the bill lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 23

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The debate having been continued,

On motion by Mr. Berrien, that the bill lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 194) for the relief of Abraham Horback: and,

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 239. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Conant, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York.

H. R. 266. An act for the relief of James Gee.

H. R. 14. Resolution for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes.

H. R. 47. Resolution directing the payment of certain volunteers and militia under the limitations therein prescribed.

And the said bills and resolutions having been amended, they were severally reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the said bills and resolutions be read a third time.

The said bills and resolutions were read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 142) for the relief of Wiley B. Parnell, of Blount county, Alabama; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 165. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Enochs.

H. R. 123. An act for the relief of Samuel Jorden.

H. R. 285. An act for the relief of Richard Hargrave Lee.

H. R. 317. An act for the relief of James Journey.

H. R. 318. An act for the relief of José Carxillo.

H. R. 229. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Kelly.

H. R. 236. An act for the relief of Eli Merrill.

H. R. 254. An act for the relief of Solomon Russell, of the county of Somerset, in the State of Maine.

H. R. 196. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Cyrus Turner, deceased.

H. R. 510. An act for the relief of Amos Hunting.

H. R. 122. An act for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones.

H. R. 312. An act for the relief of John McAllister.

H. R. 22. An act authorizing the trustees of Tymochtee township, Wyandott county, Ohio, to select lands for schools within the Wyandott reserve.

H. R. 59. An act authorizing the inhabitants of township one, of range

thirteen east, Seneca county, Ohio, to relinquish certain lands selected for schools, and to obtain others in lieu of them.

H. R. 350. An act for the relief of Griffin Kelly.

H. R. 351. An act for the relief of Benjamin Allen.

H. R. 204. An act for the relief of Daniel H. Warren.

H. R. 207. An act for the relief of Peter Rife.

H. R. 298. An act for the relief of Leah Gray.

H. R. 299. An act for the relief of Mary Campbell, widow of John Campbell.

H. R. 371. An act for the relief of John Milsted, of Escambia county, Florida.

H. R. 210. An act for the relief of Patrick Kelly, senior, of the county of Indiana, State of Pennsylvania.

H. R. 301. An act for the relief of William Gump.

H. R. 300. An act for the relief of Lewis Laing.

H. R. 334. An act for the relief of Patrick Masterson.

H. R. 348. An act granting a pension to Joseph Dusseau.

H. R. 292. An act for the relief of Margaret Gwinnup, of Hamilton county, Ohio.

H. R. 336. An act for the relief of Mary Phelps.

H. R. 302. An act for the relief of John Carr, John Batty, and Samuel Stevenson, seamen on board the whale ship Margaret.

H. R. 344. An act for the relief of Surranus Cobb.

H. R. 345. An act for the relief of Justin Jacobs.

H. R. 349. An act granting a pension to Abraham Ansman.

H. R. 352. An act for the relief of Aquilla Goodwin.

H. R. 347. An act for the relief of John Campbell, of Garland, in the State of Maine.

H. R. 244. An act for the relief of Lois Mattison, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York.

H. R. 335. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Betts, of the city of New York.

H. R. 390. An act for the relief of the owners of the ship Herald, of Baltimore.

H. R. 245. An act for the relief of Captain John Patton.

H. R. 337. An act for the relief of Mary Segar, of Jefferson county, State of New York.

H. R. 166. An act for the relief of Gregory Thomas and others.

H. R. 526. An act supplementary to the act passed on the 20th day of February, 1846, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia."

H. R. 113. An act for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred.

H. R. 130. An act for the relief of Nathan Smith and Charles R Smith, et al.

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of William Pool.

H. R. 346. An act granting a pension to Daniel Pratt.

H. R. 392. An act for the relief of William B. Lang.

H. R. 52. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Walker, of Baltimore.

H. R. 278. An act for the relief of William Moss.

H. R. 377. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Ruddle.

H. R. 23. Resolution for the benefit of John B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys.

And no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills and resolution were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 136) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of doctor John Gray, deceased:" and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 16

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Greene, Huntigton, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Calhoun, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Semple, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 297) more effectually to provide for the enforcement of certain provisions in the treaties of the United States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, August 8, 1846.

The Vice President being absent, the Senate proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides: and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Hon. David R. Atchison was duly elected.

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Ordered, That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the election of the Hon. David R. Atchison as President of the Senate pro tempore.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That Beebee Wadham have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I invite your attention to the propriety of making an appropriation to provide for any expenditure which it may be necessary to make in advance for the purpose of settling all our difficulties with the Mexican republic. It is my sincere desire to terminate, as it was originally to avoid, the existing war with Mexico, by a peace just and honorable to both parties. It is probable that the chief obstacle to be surmounted in accomplishing this desirable object will be the adjustment of a boundary between the two republics, which shall prove satisfactory and convenient to both, and such as neither will hereafter be inclined to disturb. In the adjustment of this boundary, we ought to pay a fair equivalent for any concessions which may be made by Mexico.

Under these circumstances, and considering the other complicated questions to be settled by negotiation with the Mexican republic, I deem it important that a sum of money should be placed under the control of the Executive, to be advanced, if need be, to the government of that republic, immediately after their ratification of a treaty. It might be inconvenient for the Mexican government to wait for the whole sum, the payment of which may be stipulated by this treaty until it could be ratified by our Senate, and an appropriation to carry it into effect made by Congress. Indeed, the necessity for this delay might defeat the object altogether. The disbursement of this money would of course be accounted for not as secret service money, but like other expenditures.

Two precedents for such a proceeding exist in our past history during the administration of Mr. Jefferson, to which I would call your attention. On the 26th February, 1803, an act was passed appropriating two millions of dollars "for the purpose of defraying any extraordinary expenses which may be incurred in the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," "to be applied under the direction of the President of the United States, who shall cause an account of the expenditure thereof to be laid before Congress as soon as may be;" and on the 13th of February, 1806, an appropriation was made of the same amount, and in the same terms. In neither case was the money actually drawn from the treasury; and I should hope that the result in this respect might be similar on the present occasion, although the appropriation may prove to be indispensable in accomplishing the object. I would, therefore, recommend the passage of a law appropriating $2,000,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Executive, for the purpose which I have indicated.

In order to prevent all misapprehension, it is my duty to state that, anxious as I am to terminate the existing war with the least possible delay, it

will continue to be prosecuted with the utmost vigor until a treaty of peace shall be signed by the parties, and ratified by the Mexican republic.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *August* 8, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Secretary of the Navy, of the 4th March last, in relation to naval defences; and that the report lie on the table.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 370) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Richard C. Allen, deceased, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 533) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report thereon; which was read.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (S. 258) to establish the collection district of Oregon; which was read, and passed to the second reading: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Morehead, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Abraham P. Housman, administrator of the estate of Jacob Housman, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 259) for the relief of the legal representatives of Jacob Housman, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That C. S. Jones and J. G. Schott, messengers employed in carrying the mail of the Senate, be continued; and that they be allowed and paid the same amount of compensation, respectively, as has heretofore been allowed to the acting postmaster of the Senate; and that the lamplighter of the capitol be allowed the same amount of compensation allowed by the resolution of the 28th February, 1839.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to some and disagree to other amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1847.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sixty-eight enrolled bills and one enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 49. An act granting a pension to Richard Elliott.

H. R. 109. An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and the republic of Peru, concluded at Lima the 17th day of March, in the year 1841.

H. R. 173. An act to confirm an entry of land made by the administrator of James Anderson, deceased, of Iowa Territory.

H. R. 408. An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the county of Polk, in the Territory of Iowa, to enter a quarter section of land for the seat of justice.

H. R. 373. An act to equalize the compensation of the surveyors general of public lands of the United States, and for other purposes.

H. R. 158. An act granting a pension to Elijah C. Babbit.

H. R. 181. An act for the relief of Langtry and Jenkins.

H. R. 162. An act for the relief of Isaiah Parker.

H. R. 172. An act for the relief of John G. McCloud, of Linn county, Iowa Territory.

H. R. 182. An act for the relief of John R. Williams.

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H. R. 93. An act to enable the Secretary of the Navy to purchase the right of using Mix's patent manger stopper.

H. R. 68. An act to regulate writs of error and appeals from the district courts of the United States for the middle district of Alabama.

H. R. 450. An act for the allowance of drawback on foreign merchandise imported into certain districts of the United States from the British North American provinces, and exported to foreign countries.

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H. R. 335. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Betts, of the city of New York.

H. R. 334. An act for the relief of Patrick Masterson.

H. R. 318. An act for the relief of José Carxillo.

H. R. 317. An act for the relief of James Journey.

H. R. 299. An act for the relief of Mary Campbell, widow of John Campbell.

H. R. 210. An act for the relief of Patrick Kelly, senior, of the county of Indiana, State of Pennsylvania.

H. R. 166. An act for the relief of Gregory Thomas.

H. R. 130. An act for the relief of Nathan Smith and Charles R. Smith, et al.

H. R. 123. An act for the relief of Samuel Jorden.

H. R. 113. An act for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred.

H. R. 59. An act authorizing the inhabitants of township one, of range thirteen east, Seneca county, Ohio, to relinquish certain lands selected for schools, and to obtain others in lieu of them.

H. R. 52. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Walker, of Baltimore.

H. R. 22. An act authorizing the trustees of Tymochtee township, Wyandot county, Ohio, to select land for schools within the Wyandot cession.

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H. R. 302. An act for the relief of John Carr, John Batty, and Samuel Stevenson, seamen on board of the whale ship Margaret.

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H. R. 204. An act for the relief of Daniel H. Warren.

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H. R. 229. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Kelly.

H. R. 236. An act for the relief of Eli Merrill.

H. R. 285. An act for the relief of Richard Hargrave Lee.

H. R. 510. An act for the relief of Amos Hunting.

H. R. 392. An act for the relief of William B. Lang.

H. R. 390. An act for the relief of the owners of the ship Herald, of Baltimore.

H. R. 377. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Ruddle.

H. R. 371. An act for the relief of John Milsted, of Escambia county, Florida.

H. R. 352. An act for the relief of Aquilla Goodwin.

H. R. 351. An act for the relief of Benjamin Allen.

H. R. 350. An act for the relief of Griffin Kelly.

H. R. 349. An act granting a pension to Abraham Ansman.

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H. R. 345. An act for the relief of Justin Jacobs.

H. R. 344. An act for the relief of Surranus Cobb.

H. R. 337. An act for the relief of Mary Segar, of Jefferson county, State of New York.

H. R. 336. An act for the relief of Mary Phelps, of the county of Genesee, State of New York.

H. R. 297. An act more effectually to provide for the enforcement of certain provisions in the treaties with the United States.

H. R. 23. Resolution for the relief of John B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys.

The President pro tempore signed the sixty-eight enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes: and

Resolved, That they insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the said bill, and disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the same.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until six o'clock in the evening.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That John Martin have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a motion, by Mr. Yulee, for the printing five thousand additional copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicated to the Senate the 23d July, reported against printing the same; and the report was agreed to.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a resolution submitted by Mr. Yulee, for printing three hundred copies of the maps of the coast survey, reported against printing the same; and the report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

Ordered, That the executors of Robert Portersfield have leave to withdraw their petition.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That T. P. Jones have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States of this day, reported a bill (S. 260) appropriating two millions of dollars, to enable the President to conclude a treaty of peace and limits with Mexico.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amendments to certain amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending 30th June, 1847, and on their disagreement to other amend-

ments of the Senate to the same; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, and have appointed Mr. McKay, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Severance, a committee of conference on their part.

The House of Representatives agree to some and disagree to other amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 116) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 64) to provide for the more effectual publication of the laws of the United States, with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to bills and resolutions of the House of Representatives of the following titles:

H. R. 54. An act to refund to certain persons an excess of duty exacted on the importation of foreign merchandise.

H. R. 106. An act granting certain lands to the Territory of Iowa to aid in the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river, in said Territory.

H. R. 142. An act for the relief of Wiley B. Parnell, of Blount county, Alabama, and James A. Whiteside, of Illinois.

H. R. 239. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Conant, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York.

H. R. 266. An act for the relief of James Gee.

H. R. 445. An act to establish an additional land office in Iowa.

H. R. 449. An act making copies of papers certified by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives legal evidence.

H. R. 80. An act to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of land lying within the limits of that district which are not now attached to any district.

H. R. 174. An act to regulate the proceedings in the circuit and district courts of the United States, and for other purposes.

H. R. 47. Resolution directing the payment of certain volunteers and militia under the limitations therein prescribed.

H. R. 14. Resolution for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending 30th June, 1847: and

Resolved, That they agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon: and

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, be the committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill (H. R. 116) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending 30th June, 1847: and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 64) to provide for the more effectual publication of the laws of the United States: and,

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Resolved, That the Senate concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

H. R. 54. An act to refund to certain persons an excess of duty exacted on the importation of foreign merchandise.

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H. R. 445. An act to establish an additional land district in Iowa.

The President pro tempore signed the six enrolled bills last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 457) to provide for the distribution of the laws and treaties of the United States published by Little and Brown, under the provisions of the resolution of Congress approved March 3, 1845, and for other purposes: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 92) making appropriations for certain works of the United States for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1847: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following bills:

S. 49. An act granting a pension to Richard Elliott.

H. R. 109. An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and the republic of Peru, concluded at Lima the 17th day of March, in the year 1841.

H. R. 173. An act to confirm an entry of land made by the administrator of James Anderson, deceased, of Iowa Territory.

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H. R. 23. Resolution for the relief of John B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from all subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from all subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from all subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 92. An act making appropriations for certain defensive works in the United States.

H. R. 457. An act to provide for the distribution of the laws and treaties of the United States published by Little and Brown, under the provisions of the resolution of Congress approved March 3, 1845, and for other purposes.

H. R. 174. An act to regulate the proceedings in the district court of the United States, and for other purposes.

H. R. 80. An act to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of land lying within the limits of that district which are not now attached to any district.

H. R. 449. An act making copies of papers certified by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives legal evidence.

H. R. 116. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847.

S. 64. An act to provide for the more effectual publication of the laws of the United States

H. R. 14. Joint resolution for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes.

H. R. 47. Joint resolution directing the payment of certain volunteers and militia, under the limitations therein prescribed.

The President pro tempore signed the seven bills and the two joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the seven bills and the two joint resolutions last reported to have been examined.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution to suspend the 16th joint rule of the two Houses so far as regards the bill of the House (No. 534) entitled "An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations."

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I return to the Senate, in which it originated, the bill entitled "An act to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American

citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, one thousand eight hundred and one," which was presented to me on the 6th instant, with my objections to its becoming a law.

In attempting to give to the bill the careful examination it requires, difficulties presented themselves in the outset, from the remoteness of the period to which the claims belong, the complicated nature of the transactions in which they originated, and the protracted negotiations to which they led between France and the United States.

The short time intervening between the passage of the bill by Congress and the approaching close of their session, as well as the pressure of other official duties, have not permitted me to extend my examination of the subject into its minute details. But in the consideration which I have been able to give to it, I find objections of a grave character to its provisions.

For the satisfaction of the claims provided for by the bill, it is proposed to appropriate five millions of dollars. I can perceive no legal or equitable ground upon which this large appropriation can rest. A portion of the claims have been more than half a century before the government, in its executive or legislative departments; and all of them had their origin in events which occurred prior to the year 1800. Since 1802 they have been from time to time before Congress. No greater necessity or propriety exists for providing for these claims at this time than has existed for near half a century, during all which period this questionable measure has never until now received the favorable consideration of Congress. It is scarcely probable, if the claim had been regarded as obligatory upon the government, or constituting an equitable demand upon the treasury, that those who were contemporaneous with the events which gave rise to it should not long since have done justice to the claimants. The treasury has often been in a condition to enable the government to do so without inconvenience, if these claims had been considered just. Mr. Jefferson, who was fully cognizant of the early dissentions between the governments of the United States and France out of which the claims arose, in his annual message in 1808 adverted to the large surplus then in the treasury, and its "probable accumulation," and inquired whether it should "lie unproductive in the public vaults;" and yet these claims, though then before Congress, were not recognised or paid. Since that time the public debt of the Revolution and of the war of 1812 has been extinguished; and at several periods since, the treasury has been in possession of large surpluses over the demands upon it. In 1836 the surplus amounted to many millions of dollars; and, for want of proper objects to which to apply it, it was directed by Congress to be deposited with the States.

During this extended course of time, embracing periods eminently favorable for satisfying all just demands upon the government, the claims embraced in this bill met with no favor in Congress beyond reports of committees in one or the other branch. These circumstances alone are calculated to raise strong doubts in respect to these claims; more especially as all the information necessary to a correct jndgment concerning them has been long before the public. These doubts are strengthened in my mind by the examination I have been enabled to give to the transactions in which they originated.

The bill assumes that the United States have become liable, in these ancient transactions, to make reparation to the claimants for injuries committed by *France*. Nothing was obtained for the claimants by negotiation; and the

bill assumes that the government has become responsible to them for the aggressions of France. I have not been able to satisfy myself of the correctness of this assumption, or that the government has become in any way responsible for these claims. The limited time allotted me before your adjournment precludes the possibility of reiterating the facts and arguments by which, in preceding Congresses, these claims have been successfully resisted.

The present is a period peculiarly unfavorable for the satisfaction of claims of so large an amount, and, to say the least of them, of so doubtful a character. There is no surplus in the treasury. A public debt of several millions of dollars has been created within the last few years. We are engaged in a foreign war, uncertain in its duration and involving heavy expenditures, to prosecute which, Congress has at its present session authorized a further loan; so that in effect the government, should this bill become a law, borrows money and increases the public debt to pay these claims.

It is true, that by the provisions of the bill payment is directed to be made in land scrip instead of money; but the effect upon the treasury will be the same. The public lands constitute one of the sources of public revenue; and if these claims be paid in land scrip, it will from the date of its issue, to a great extent, cut off from the treasury the annual income from the sales of the public lands, because payments for lands sold by the government may be expected to be made in scrip until it is all redeemed. If these claims be just, they ought to be paid in money, and not in anything less valuable. The bill provides that they shall be paid in land scrip, whereby they are made in effect to be a mortgage upon the public lands in the new States; a mortgage, too, held in great part, if not wholly, by non-residents of the States in which the lands lie, who may secure these lands to the amount of several millions of acres, and then demand for them exorbitant prices from the citizens of the States who may desire to purchase them for settlement; or they may keep them out of the market, and thus retard the prosperity and growth of the States in which they are situated. Why this unusual mode of satisfying demands on the treasury has been resorted to, does not appear. It is not consistent with a sound public policy. If it be done in this case, it may be done in all others. It would form a precedent for the satisfaction of all other stale and questionable claims in the same manner, and would undoubtedly be resorted to by all claimants, who, after successive trials, shall fail to have their claims recognised and paid in money by Congress.

This bill proposes to appropriate five millions of dollars to be paid in land scrip, and provides that "no claim or memorial shall be received by the commissioners" authorized by the act, "unless accompanied by a release or discharge of the United States from all other and further compensation" than the claimant "may be entitled to receive under the provisions of this act." These claims are estimated to amount to a much larger sum than five millions of dollars, and yet the claimant is required to release to the government all other compensation, and to accept his share of a fund which is known to be inadequate. If the claims be well founded, it would be unjust to the claimants to repudiate any portion of them, and the payment of the remaining sum could not be hereafter resisted. This bill proposes to pay these claims, not in the currency known to the constitution, and not to their full amount.

Passed, as this bill has been, near the close of the session, and when many measures of importance necessarily claim the attention of Congress, and possibly without that full and deliberate consideration which the large sum it appropriates and the existing condition of the treasury and of the country demand, I deem it to be my duty to withhold my approval, that it may hereafter undergo the revision of Congress. I have come to this conclusion with regret. In interposing my objections to its becoming a law, I am fully sensible that it should be an extreme case which would make it the duty of the Executive to withhold his approval of any bill passed by Congress upon the ground of its inexpediency alone. Such a case I consider this to be.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *August* 8, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to half-past 8 o'clock on Monday morning: and,

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1846.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution to suspend the 17th joint rule of the two houses, so that bills may be presented this day to the President of the United States.

They disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 66) making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1847.

They have passed the following bills of the Senate with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 102. An act for the relief of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.

S. 112. An act for the relief of John Jones, surviving partner of John Jones and Charles Souder.

S. 71. An act to allow to Elijah White additional compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses incurred by him as acting sub-agent of Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains.

S. 43. An act for the relief of Elijah White.

They have passed the following bills and joint resolutions of the Senate:

S. 74. An act for the relief of Henry Etting.

S. 96. An act for the relief of Richard Kidd and Benjamin Kidd.

S. 174. An act for the relief of Alexis Ayot.

S. 19. Resolution declaratory of the act passed 23d August, 1842, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles F. Sibbald."

S. 29. Resolution relative to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field notes.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 8th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 109. An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and the republic of Peru, concluded at Lima the 17th of March, 1841.

H. R. 312. An act for the relief of John McAllister.

H. R. 196. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Cyrus Turner, deceased.

H. R. 337. An act for the relief of Mary Segar, of Jefferson county, State of New York.

H. R. 345. An act for the relief of Justin Jacobs.

H. R. 349. An act granting a pension to Abraham Ansman.

H. R. 166. An act for the relief of Gregory Thomas and others.

H. R. 377. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Ruddle.

H. R. 366. An act for the relief of Mary Phelps, of the county of Genesee, State of New York.

H. R. 347. An act granting a pension to John Campbell, of Garland, in the State of Maine.

H. R. 165. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Enochs.

H. R. 130. An act for the relief of Nathan Smith, Charles R. Smith, and others.

H. R. 136. An act for the relief of the heirs of Doctor John Gray, deceased.

H. R. 292. An act for the relief of Margaret Gwinnup, of Hamilton county, Ohio.

H. R. 301. An act for the relief of William Gump.

H. R. 373. An act to equalize the compensation of the surveyors general of the public lands of the United States, and for other purposes.

H. R. 113. An act for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred.

H. R. 162. An act for the relief of Isaiah Parker.

H. R. 215. An act to amend the act approved 2d April, 1844, entitled "An act directing the disposition of certain unclaimed goods, wares, or merchandise, seized for being illegally imported into the United States."

H. R. 302. An act for the relief of John Carr, John Batty, and Samuel Stevenson, seamen on board the whale ship Margaret.

H. R. 59. An act authorizing the inhabitants of township one, of range thirteen east, Seneca county, Ohio, to relinquish certain lands selected for schools, and to obtain others in lieu of them.

H. R. 445. An act to establish an additional land district in Iowa.

H. R. 142. An act for the relief of Wiley B. Parnell, of Blount county, Alabama, and James A. Whiteside, of Illinois.

H. R. 239. An act for the relief of Ebenezer Conant, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York.

H. R. 54. An act to refund to certain persons an excess of duty exacted on the importation of foreign merchandise.

H. R. 52. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Walker, of Baltimore.

H. R. 68. An act to regulate writs of error and appeals from the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama.

H. R. 157. An act granting a pension to Orris Crosby.

H. R. 266. An act for the relief of James Gee.

H. R. 106. An act granting certain lands to the Territory of Iowa to aid in the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river, in said Territory.

H. R. 374. An act to grant a certain quantity of land to aid in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and to connect the same by a canal, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

H. R. 371. An act for the relief of John Milsted, of Escambia county, Florida.

H. R. 23. Joint resolution for the relief of John B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys.

H. R. 49. An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending on the 30th June, 1847.

H. R. 408. An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the county of Polk, in the Territory of Iowa, to enter a quarter section of land for a seat of justice.

H. R. 297. An act more effectually to provide for the enforcement of certain provisions in the treaties of the United States.

H. R. 210. An act for the relief of Patrick Kelly, senior, of the county of Indiana, and State of Pennsylvania.

H. R. 317. An act for the relief of James Journey.

H. R. 173. An act to confirm an entry of land made by the administrator of James Anderson, deceased, of Iowa Territory.

H. R. 158. An act granting a pension to Elijah C. Babbit.

H. R. 181. An act for the relief of Langtry and Jenkins.

H. R. 344. An act for the relief of Surranus Cobb.

H. R. 346. An act granting a pension to Daniel Pratt.

H. R. 351. An act for the relief of Benjamin Allen.

H. R. 348. An act granting a pension to Joseph Dussean.

H. R. 510. An act for the relief of Amos Hunting.

H. R. 254. An act for the relief of Solomon Russell, of the county of Somerset, in the State of Maine.

H. R. 300. An act for the relief of Lewis Laing.

H. R. 334. An act for the relief of Patrick Masterson.

H. R. 93. An act to enable the Secretary of the Navy to purchase the right of using Mix's patent manger stopper.

H. R. 450. An act for the allowance of drawback on foreign merchandise imported into certain districts of the United States from the British North American provinces, and exported to foreign countries.

H. R. 122. An act for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones.

H. R. 390. An act for the relief of the owners of the ship Herald, of Baltimore.

H. R. 229. An act for the relief of the heirs or legal representatives of Thomas Kelly.

H. R. 278. An act for the relief of William Moss.

H. R. 335. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Betts, of the city of New York.

H. R. 204. An act for the relief of Daniel H. Warren.

H. R. 298. An act for the relief of Leah Gray.

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of William Pool.

H. R. 245. An act for the relief of Captain John Patton.

H. R. 244. An act for the relief of Lois Mattison, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York.

H. R. 172. An act for the relief of John G. McCloud, of Linn county, Iowa.

H. R. 285. An act for the relief of Richard Hargrave Lee.

H. R. 182. An act for the relief of John R. Williams.

H. R. 352. An act for the relief of Aquilla Goodwin.

H. R. 236. An act for the relief of Eli Merrill.

H. R. 392. An act for the relief of William B. Lang.

H. R. 123. An act for the relief of Samuel Jorden.

H. R. 350. An act for the relief of Griffin Kelly.

H. R. 299. An act for the relief of Mary Campbell, widow of John Campbell.

H. R. 318. An act for the relief of José Carxillo.

H. R. 207. An act for the relief of Peter Rife.

H. R. 526. An act supplementary to an act passed on the 20th February, 1846, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia."

H. R. 22. An act authorizing the trustees of Tymochtee township, Wyandot county, Ohio, to select lands for schools within the Wyandot cession.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 5) to establish the Smithsonian institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men, together with the amendments reported thereto: and the reported amendments having been disagreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 13

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Evans, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Dickinson, Fairfield, McDuffie, Semple, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Lewis, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses upon the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes, reported that they had met the committee of conference on the part of the House of Representatives; and, after full and free conference on the subject of said disagreeing votes, they have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to the respective houses, as follows:

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the 14th amendment of the Senate; amend the same by striking out the words 'including the expenses of furnishing and printing reports of the supreme court of Iowa, four hundred dollars,' and agree to the same as amended.

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the 49th amendment of the Senate; amend the same by striking out the whole, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following: 'For payment in full to Benjamin E. Green for

services while employed in Mexico as chargé d'affaires, three thousand dollars.'

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate marked 10, 11, 13, 34, 35, 40, 45, 46, 52.

"That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to its 16th amendment, and agree to the same.

"That the Senate recede from its amendments 6, 17, 20, 23, 31, 32, 36, 37, 39, 43, and 44."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report of the committee of conference: and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives to suspend the 16th joint rule so far as regards the bill of the House of Representatives numbered 534, entitled "An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations:" and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives to suspend the 17th joint rule so far as to allow bills passed this day to be presented to the President of the United States: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The message yesterday received from the President of the United States, returning, with his objections, the bill entitled "An act for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, one thousand eight hundred and one," which originated in the Senate, was passed by the two houses of Congress, and presented to the President of the United States the 7th of August instant, was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the said bill; which is in the following words:

AN ACT to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and one.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That satisfaction shall be made, as hereinafter provided, to an amount not exceeding five millions of dollars, to such citizens of the United States, or to their legal representatives, as had valid claims to indemnity upon the French government, arising out of illegal captures, detentions, forcible seizures, illegal condemnations, and confiscations, committed prior to the ratification of the convention between the United States and the French republic concluded on the thirtieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred, the ratifications of which were exchanged on the thirty-first day of July following: *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall not extend to such claims as are stipulated for and embraced in the convention between the United States and the French

republic concluded on the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for the liquidation and payment whereof provision is made in the said convention; nor to such claims as were allowed and paid, in whole or in part, under the provisions of the treaty between the United States and Spain concluded on the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen; nor to such claims as were allowed, in whole or in part, under the provisions of the treaty between the United States and France concluded on the fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one: *And provided, also*, That in all cases of transfer or assignment, no claimant shall be entitled to receive an amount beyond the consideration paid, and interest thereon.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, and to ascertain the full amount and validity of said claims, three commissioners shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall meet at the city of Washington on or before the first Monday in October next, and, within the space of two years from the time of their first meeting, shall receive, examine, and decide upon the amount and validity of all the claims included within the description above mentioned; and the Secretary of State is required forthwith, after the passage of this act, to give notice of the said meeting, to be published in three newspapers in Washington, and in such other papers as he may think proper. The said commissioners shall take an oath or affirmation, to be entered on the record of their proceedings, for the faithful and diligent performance of their duties; and in case of the death or resignation of any such commissioner, his place may be supplied by appointment as aforesaid, or by the President, during the recess of the Senate, of another commissioner in his stead. The said commissioners shall be authorized to hear and examine all questions relative to the said claims, and to receive all suitable testimony, on oath or affirmation, and all other proper evidence and documents concerning the same; and the rules for the decision of said commissioners shall be the principles of justice, the law of nations, and the former treaties between the United States and France, to wit: the treaty of amity and commerce of the sixth of February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, the treaty of alliance of the same date, and the consular convention of the fourteenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight. Their decisions shall be in writing, and filed with their secretary, and the individuals interested therein shall, on demand, have a copy thereof; and the promulgation of the decisions of said commissioners shall be in public. The said commissioners shall not, at any one time after the first day of January next, adjourn for a longer period than ten days, without the consent of the President of the United States, in writing, first had and obtained.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commissioners shall be, and they are hereby, authorized to make all needful rules and regulations, not contravening the laws of the land or the provisions of this act, for carrying their said commission into full and complete effect.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to procure, within the shortest time after the passage of this act, through the American minister at Paris, or otherwise, all such evidence and documents relating to said claims as can be obtained from abroad; which, together with the like evidence and documents on file in

the Department of State, or which may be filed in the said department, may be used before said commissioners by the claimants interested therein; but the same shall not be removed from the files of said commissioners.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the awards of all such claims as may be admitted and adjusted by the said commissioners, to an amount not exceeding five millions of dollars, shall be paid pro rata, and that the Secretary of State, acting upon that principle, shall ascertain and fix the amount to be paid upon each award.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the records of the proceedings of said commissioners, and the documents produced before them, shall, after the commission is closed, be deposited in the Department of State.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That so soon as said commission is closed, and the records of proceedings of the commissioners are deposited in the Department of State, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, on the application in writing of any claimant, his lawful attorney, executor, administrator, or assignee, forthwith sign, and issue to the person entitled thereto, certificates or land scrip, in such sums as such applicant may desire, not less than two hundred dollars in each certificate, for the full pro rata amount awarded to such claimant; and which certificates shall not bear interest, and shall state that the bearer thereof is entitled to purchase at public sale or private entry, at any of the land offices of the United States, any of the lands of the United States which have been surveyed, and are exposed to sale or liable to entry as aforesaid, and not reserved or subject to donation or pre-emption rights; and that such certificate shall be received in payment for said lands; such purchases, however, not to be in less tracts than a quarter section each; and the receivers of the land offices of the United States shall receive such certificates as cash in payment for any lands so purchased.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to take any measure which he may deem expedient for organizing the said board of commissioners, and for this purpose appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a secretary well versed in the French and Spanish languages; and the said commissioners shall have power to appoint a clerk, and also a messenger.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the compensation of the respective officers, for whose appointment provision is made by this act, shall not exceed the following sums, which shall be paid out of the appropriation hereby directed in behalf of the said claimants:

To each commissioner, at the rate, by the year, of three thousand dollars, for two years only. No compensation shall be allowed them for a longer period;

To the secretary of the board, at the rate, by the year, of two thousand dollars;

To the clerk, at the rate, by the year, of one thousand dollars; and to the messenger at the rate, by the year, of three hundred dollars: *Provided,* That the whole expenses of the commission shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That, during the continuance of said commission, all documents and communications having relation to said claims, which shall be addressed to or from the said secretary, shall be free from postage.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That, for carrying this act into

execution, the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and hereby is appropriated, to be taken from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum herein appropriated shall be in full discharge of all claims for compensation for the class of cases provided for in this act; and that no claim or memorial shall be received by the commissioners, unless accompanied by a release and discharge of the United States from all other and further compensation than he, she, or they may be entitled to receive under the provisions of this act.

JOHN W. DAVIS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
G. M. DALLAS,
Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.

I certify that this act did originate in the Senate.

ASBURY DICKINS,
Secretary of the Senate.

And on the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the negative.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Lewis, McDuffie, Semple, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senate not agreeing thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Fairfield, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House of Representatives; and, after free and full conference upon the subject of the said disagreeing votes, the conferees have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to their respective houses, that the House recede from their disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate, and agree to said amendment, amended by striking out all thereof after 'employed,' in line 6; that the House recede from their amendment to the 3d amendment of the Senate, and agree thereto; that the House recede from its amendment to the 10th amendment of the Senate, and agree thereto; and the conferees have not been able to agree upon the 8th and 9th amendments of the Senate to the said bill, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

"And the conferees on the part of the Senate recommend that the Senate insist on said amendments."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the said report, with the exception of the 8th amendment: that they *recede* from their said 8th amendment; and that they insist on their 9th amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 534) entitled "An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations:" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives concur in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 50) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1847.

They concur in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 51) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1847, so far as the conferees of the respective houses have agreed; and recede from their 9th amendment to the said bill, insisted on by the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 112) for the relief of John Jones, surviving partner of John Jones and Charles Souder: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 102) for the relief of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 43) for the relief of Elijah White: and

The said amendments having been amended,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 71) to allow to Elijah White additional compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses incurred by him as acting sub-agent of Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Evans, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 51) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases," reported that they have met the conferees on the part of the House

of Representatives; and, after full and free conference, they have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses,

"That the House recede from its amendment to said bill, and agree to the bill of the Senate amended, by inserting after the word 'oath,' in the first section, *or affirmation;* and by inserting after the words 'United States' the following: 'or of the highest court of record, or of the presiding judge of any court exercising unlimited jurisdiction in amount, of any State, Territory, or district.' Strike out from the words '*in the presence, &c.*' to the word '*examination,*' inclusive, and insert 'and of the taking of which testimony due notice shall previously be given to the district attorney of the United States for the district in which said testimony is taken, who shall be at liberty to appear and propound questions to said witnesses.' Strike out the third section and insert, 'Section 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts heretofore enacted which are supplied by this act, so far as the same may not have been acted on, are hereby repealed; and so far as they may have been acted on, they are ratified and confirmed.'"

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Evans (by unanimous consent) asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. 37) appointing regents of the Smithsonian Institution: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Evans submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That the sixteenth joint rule of the two houses be suspended, so far as relates to a resolution (S. 37) appointing regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill (H. R. 66) making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1847: and

Resolved, That they *recede* therefrom.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 129) authorizing the payment of certain claims of the State of Alabama, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 370) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Richard C. Allen, deceased, together with the amendment reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 531) to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time as amended.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 194) for the relief of Abraham Horback, together with the amendments reported thereto; and the reported amendments having been disagreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 51) to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases.

The House of Representatives concur in the resolution to suspend the 16th joint rule so far as relates to a resolution appointing regents for the Smithsonian Institution.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 531) to establish certain post routes.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to examine into the causes of the delay in the delivery of Frémont's report, and whether any officer or person in the employ of the Senate has disposed of or withheld documents printed by order of the Senate, submitted a report: which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Morehead, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of Cadwallader Wallace, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 261) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Agnes Slack, submitted a report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from all subjects referred to the committee and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from all subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

The bill (H. R. 534) making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion, by Mr. Lewis, to amend the bill by striking out the following proviso in the first section: "*Provided*, That as an express and fundamental condition to the acquisition of any territory from the republic of Mexico, by the United States, by virtue of any treaty which may be negotiated between them, and to the use by the Executive of the moneys herein appropriated, neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall ever exist in any part of said territory except for crime, whereof the party shall be first duly convicted,"

A debate ensued: and

On motion, and by unanimous consent, the proceedings thereon were suspended.

Mr. Chalmers reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and resolutions:

S. 19. Resolution declaratory of the act passed 23d August, 1842, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles F. Sibbald."

S. 96. An act for the relief of Richard Kidd and Benjamin Kidd.

S. 174. An act for the relief of Alexis Ayot.

S. 74. An act for the relief of Henry Etting.

S. 29. Resolution relative to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field notes.

H. R. 5. An act to establish the Smithsonian institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.

H. R. 50. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending on the 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes.

H. R. 66. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1847.

S. 51. An act to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases.

S. 102. An act for the relief of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.

S. 112. An act for the relief of John Jones, surviving partner of John Jones and Charles Souder.

H. R. 51. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847.

S. 37. Resolution appointing regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H. R. 194. An act for the relief of Abraham Horback.

H. R. 129. An act authorizing the payment of certain claims of the State of Alabama.

S. 71. An act to allow to Elijah White for services and reimbursement of expenses incurred by him as acting sub-agent of Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amend-

ments of the Senate to their amendments to the bill (S. 43) for the relief of Elijah White.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 8th instant, the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 174. An act to regulate the proceedings of the circuit and district courts of the United States, and for other purposes.

H. R. 449. An act making copies of papers certified by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives legal evidence.

H. R. 80. An act to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of land lying within the limits of that district which are not now attached to any district.

H. R. 457. An act to provide for the distribution of the edition of the laws and treaties of the United States published by Little and Brown, under the provisions of the resolution of Congress approved March 3d, 1845, and for other purposes.

H. R. 47. Joint resolution directing the payment of certain volunteers and militia under the limitations therein prescribed.

H. R. 116. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending on the 30th June, 1847.

H. R. 92. An act making appropriations for certain defensive works of the United States for the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1847.

H. R. 14. Joint resolution for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes.

The President pro tempore signed the thirteen enrolled bills, and the three enrolled resolutions, last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Chalmers reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following bills and resolutions:

S. 19. A resolution declaratory of the act passed 23d August, 1843, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles F. Sibbald."

S. 96. An act for the relief of Richard Kidd and Benjamin Kidd.

S. 174. An act for the relief of Alexis Ayot.

S. 74. An act for the relief of Henry Etting.

S. 29. A resolution relative to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field notes.

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H. R. 194. An act for the relief of Abraham Horback.

S. 71. An act to allow to Elijah White for services and reimbursement of expenses incurred by him as acting sub-agent of Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee on the part of the House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that, unless he may have other communications to make to the two houses of Congress, they are ready to adjourn: and

Mr. George W. Hopkins, Mr. James Thompson, and Mr. Vinton, were appointed said committee.

The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 50. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending 30th day of June, 1847, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5. An act to establish the Smithsonian institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.

H. R. 66. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1847.

H. R. 51. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1847.

H. R. 129. An act authorizing the payment of certain claims of the State of Alabama.

H. R. 194. An act for the relief of Abraham Horback.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 6th of August, the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 105. An act to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union.

H. R. 1. An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue.

H. R. 10. Joint resolution for the relief of Seth M. Leavenworth.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts and resolutions:

S. 49. An act granting a pension to Richard Elliott.

S. 64. An act to provide for the more effectual publication of the laws of the United States.

S. 29. A resolution relative to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and fieldnotes.

S. 174. An act for the relief of Alexis Ayot.

S. 74. An act for the relief of Henry Etting.

S. 96. An act for the relief of Richard Kidd and Benjamin Kidd.

S. 19. A resolution declaratory of the act passed twenty-third August, eighteen hundred and forty-two, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles F. Sibbald."

S. 112. An act for the relief of John Jones, surviving partner of John Jones and Charles Souder.

S. 102. An act for the relief of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.

S. 71. An act to allow Elijah White for services and reimbursement of expenses incurred by him as acting sub-agent of Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains.

S. 37. A resolution appointing regents to the Smithsonian Institution.

S. 51. An act to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in certain cases.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution passed by the House of Representatives for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that, unless he may have other communications to make to the two houses of Congress, they are ready to adjourn: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Westcott, Mr. Turney, and Mr. Sevier be the committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate having resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 534) making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, the debate thereon was continued until 12 o'clock, meridian: when, in pursuance of the resolution of the two houses,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned *sine die*.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Passed during the first session of the twenty-ninth Congress.

PUBLIC ACTS.

An act to extend the laws of the United States over the State of Texas, l for other purposes.
An act for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pon- iers.
An act to repeal the act which abolished the office of one of the inspect- general of the army, and to revive and establish said office.
An act to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions.
An act to establish a collection district in the State of Texas, and for ier purposes.
An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land ims in the several States and Territories.
An act to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for ablishing military stations on the route to Oregon.
An act establishing certain post routes.
An act to repeal a part of the act entitled "An act supplementary to the 'eral laws for the sale of the public lands," approved April 5, 1832, and other purposes.
An act to provide for the payment of the evidences of public debt in cer- n cases.
An act giving the assent of Congress to a change of the compact entered o between the United States and the State of Arkansas on her admission o the Union.
An act to establish a warehousing system, and to amend an act entitled An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify ex- ng laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes."
An act to provide for the more effectual publication of the laws of the ited States.
An act to authorize the justices of the county court of Bates county, in State of Missouri, to enter a certain quarter section of land for a county it.
An act to surrender to the State of Tennessee all title the United States ve to lands in Tennessee south and west of the line commonly called Congressional reservation line, and to release to said State the proceeds such of said lands as may have been sold by the State of Tennessee as agent of the United States.
An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the pur- ase of American water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy.

An act establishing certain post routes, and for other purposes.

An act supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico," and for other purposes.

An act in relation to the July term of the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio.

An act to provide for the organization of the volunteer forces brought into the service of the United States into brigades and divisions, and for the appointment of the necessary number of general officers to command the same.

An act in relation to the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio.

An act making alterations in the pay department of the army.

An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue.

An act to establish the collection district of Chicago.

An act to authorize the President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore.

An act to define the boundaries of the State of Iowa, and to repeal so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, as relates to the boundaries of Iowa.

An act to exempt canal boats from the payment of fees and hospital money.

An act to legalize certain land sales made at Chocchuma and Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, and to indemnify the Chickasaws therefor.

An act to authorize an increase of the rank and file of the army of the United States.

An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending on the 30th of June, 1847.

An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1847.

An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending on the 30th of June, 1847.

An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, and for other purposes.

An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending on the 30th of June, 1847.

An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, and for other purposes.

An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847.

An act making appropriations for certain defensive works of the United States for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1847.

An act to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of lands lying within the limits of that district, which are not now attached to any district.

An act to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union.

An act granting certain lands to the Territory of Iowa, to aid in the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river, in said Territory.

An act making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending on the 30th June, 1847.

An act to exempt coffee imported from the Netherlands from duty in certain cases, and for other purposes.

An act relative to collectors and other officers of the customs.

An act authorizing the payment of certain claims of the State of Alabama.

An act to regulate the proceedings in the circuit and district courts of the United States, and for other purposes.

An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1846.

An act declaratory of the powers, and legalizing certain acts of the chief clerk of the Patent Office.

An act to establish the value of certain foreign coins and moneys of account, and to amend existing laws.

An act to grant the right of pre-emption to actual settlers on the lands acquired by treaty from the Miami Indians in Indiana.

An act to repeal the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia hereafter to reside in Alexandria.

An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia.

An act to change the time of holding the federal court in North Carolina.

An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1847.

An act to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin," approved March 3, 1843, and for other purposes.

An act to grant a certain quantity of land to aid in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and to connect the same by a canal in the Territory of Wisconsin.

An act reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.

An act to establish an additional land district in Iowa.

An act making copies of papers certified by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives legal evidence.

An act further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys to the General Land Office.

An act to provide for the distribution of the laws and treaties of the United States, published by Little and Brown, under the provisions of the resolution of Congress approved March 3, 1845, and for other purposes.

An act in relation to the payment of claims.

An act making appropriations for the support of volunteers and other troops authorized to be employed in the prosecution of the war with Mexico, during the year ending the 30th June, 1847.

An act to authorize an issue of treasury notes and a loan.

An act making appropriations for certain objects of expenditure therein specified.

An act to establish the Smithsonian Institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.

An act to regulate writs of error and appeals from the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama.

An act authorizing the inhabitants of township one, of range thirteen east, Seneca county, Ohio, to relinquish certain lands selected for schools, and to obtain others in lieu thereof.

An act authorizing the trustees of Tymochtee township, Wyandott county, Ohio, to select lands for schools within the Wyandott reserve.

An act to amend the act approved the 2d April, 1844, entitled "An act directing the disposition of certain goods, wares, or merchandise, seized for being illegally imported into the United States."

An act to equalize the compensation of the surveyors general of the public lands of the United States, and for other purposes.

An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the county of Polk, in the Territory of Iowa, to enter a quarter section of land for a seat of justice.

An act for the allowance of drawback on foreign merchandise imported into certain districts of the United States from the British North American provinces, and exported to foreign countries.

An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia.

An act supplementary to the act passed on the 20th day of February, 1846, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia."

An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and the republic of Peru, concluded at Lima the 17th day of March, 1841.

An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico.

An act more effectually to provide for the enforcement of certain provisions in the treaties of the United States.

Joint resolution regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation for the same.

Joint resolution providing for temporary mail service in Texas.

Joint resolution to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the Minister of Justice of France, in exchange for books received from him.

Joint resolution relative to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field notes.

Joint resolution supplementary to the resolution of February 20th, 1845, for distributing the works of the Exploring Expedition.

Joint resolution authorizing the sale of certain land at Baton Rouge to the State of Louisiana.

Joint resolution for the admission of the State of Texas into the Union.

Joint resolution relative to the printing and distribution of the annual estimates.

Joint resolution concerning the Oregon Territory.

Joint resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men.

Joint resolution to refund to States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers made by Generals Gaines and Taylor.

Joint resolution directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two houses of Congress.

Joint resolution appointing regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Joint resolution directing the payment of certain volunteers and militia under the limitations therein prescribed.

PRIVATE ACTS.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Pierre Menard, Josiah T. Betts, Jacob Feaman, and Edmund Roberts, of the State of Illinois, sureties of Felix St. Vrain, late Indian agent, deceased.

An act for the relief of William Elliott, junior, of Fulton county, State of Arkansas.

An act for the relief of James Bogardus.

An act for the relief of Davis F. Williamson, of Pope county, State of Arkansas.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian.

An act granting a pension to Richard Elliott.

An act for the relief of Mrs. Pike, widow of the late General Pike.

An act for the relief of Nathaniel Phillips.

An act for the relief of Benjamin Harris, of La Salle county, State of Illinois.

An act to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Crowell, late agent for the Creek Indians.

An act for the relief of Henry Etting.

An act to provide for the confirmation of certain settlement claims in the Greensburg land district, Louisiana.

An act for the relief of Benjamin Ballard.

An act for the relief of Ebenezer Ballard.

An act for the relief of James Low.

An act for the relief of Amos Kendall.

An act for the relief of Richard Kidd and Benjamin Kidd.

An act for the relief of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.

An act for the relief of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased.

An act for the relief of John Jones, surviving partner of John Jones and Charles Souder.

An act for the relief of Harriet L. Catching.

An act for the relief of George Wentling.

An act for the relief of Robert Barclay, of Missouri.

An act for the relief of Harriet Ward.

An act for the relief of Abraham B. Fannin.

An act for the relief of John Keith, of New York.

An act for the relief of Asenath Canney.

An act for the relief of Alexis Ayot.

An act for the relief of Nathaniel Stafford.

An act to allow to Elijah White reimbursement of expenses incurred by him as acting sub-agent of Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains.

An act to amend an act approved February 24, 1843, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the relief of George Mayfield,' approved July 27, 1842."

An act for the relief of Joseph Kemball.

An act for the relief of Semington Buffenbarger.

An act for the relief of James Davidson, of the county of Fentress, in the State of Tennessee.

An act for the relief of George D. Spencer.

An act for the relief of James Mains.

An act for the relief of James Wyman.
An act for the relief of William McCauley.
An act for the relief of John Ficklin.
An act for the relief of Joseph Watson.
An act for the relief of Arthur R. Frogge, of Fentress county, Tennessee.
An act for the relief of Joseph M. Rhea, of the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee.
An act for the relief of Samuel D. Walker, of Baltimore.
An act to enable the Secretary of the Navy to purchase the right of using Mix's patent manger stopper.
An act to refund to certain persons an excess of duty exacted on the importation of foreign merchandise.
An act for the relief of John G. Pierie.
An act for the relief of John E. Holland.
An act for the relief of Daniel Ingalls.
An act for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred.
An act for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones.
An act for the relief of Samuel Jorden.
An act for the relief of Nathan Smith, Charles K. Smith, et al.
An act for the relief of Adam McCulloch.
An act for the relief of the heirs of Doctor John Gray.
An act for the relief of Wiley B. Parnell, of Blount county, Alabama, and James A. Whitesides, of Illinois.
An act for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton.
An act for the relief of Isabella Baldridge, widow of Captain John Baldridge.
An act for the relief of Sampson Brown.
An act granting a pension to Orris Crosby.
An act granting a pension to Elijah C. Babbit.
An act for the relief of Isaiah Parker.
An act for the relief of Samuel D. Enochs.
An act for the relief of Gregory Thomas and others.
An act for the relief of John G. McCloud, of Linn county, Iowa.
An act to confirm an entry of land made by the administrator of James Anderson, deceased, of Iowa Territory.
An act for the relief of Langtry and Jenkins.
An act for the relief of John R. Williams.
An act for the relief of Charles M. McKenzie.
An act for the relief of Abraham Horbach.
An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Cyrus Turner, deceased.
An act for the relief of Daniel H. Warren.
An act for the relief of Peter Rife.
An act for the relief of Patrick Kelly, senior, of the county of Indiana, State of Pennsylvania.
An act for the relief of the heirs or legal representatives of Thomas Kelly.
An act for the relief of John Chassaud, the consul of the United States for Syria and Palestine.
An act for the relief of Eli Merrill.
An act for the relief of Ebenezer Conant, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York.

An act for the relief of Lois Mattison, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York.

An act for the relief of Captain John Patton.

An act for the relief of Solomon Russell, of the county of Somerset, in the State of Maine.

An act for the relief of James Gee.

An act for the relief of William Pool.

An act for the relief of Charles W. Bingley, of Charleston, South Carolina.

An act for the relief of William Moss.

An act for the relief of Richard Hargrave Lee.

An act for the relief of Margaret Gwinnup, of Hamilton county, Ohio.

An act for the relief of Leah Gray.

An act for the relief of Mary Campbell, widow of John Campbell.

An act for the relief of Lewis Laing.

An act for the relief of William Gump.

An act for the relief of John Carr, John Batty, and Samuel Stevenson, seamen on board the whaleship Margaret.

An act for the relief of John McAllister.

An act for the relief of James Journey.

An act for the relief of Jose Carxillo.

An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Richard C. Allen, deceased.

An act for the relief of Patrick Masterson.

An act for the relief of Mary Phelps, of the county of Genesee, State of New York.

An act for the relief of Surranus Cobb.

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Betts, of the city of New York.

An act for the relief of Mary Segar, of Jefferson county, State of New York.

An act for the relief of Justin Jacobs.

An act granting a pension to Daniel Pratt.

An act for the relief of John Campbell, of Garland, in the State of Maine.

An act granting a pension to Joseph Dusseau.

An act granting a pension to Abraham Ansman.

An act for the relief of Griffin Kelly.

An act for the relief of Benjamin Allen.

An act for the relief of Aquilla Goodwin.

An act for the relief of John Milsted, of Escambia county, Florida.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Ruddle.

An act for the relief of the owners of the ship Herald, of Baltimore.

An act for the relief of William B. Lang.

An act for the relief of Amos Hunting.

Joint resolution in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana.

Joint resolution for the relief of Putney and Riddle.

Joint resolution for the relief of Peter Gorman.

Joint resolution declaratory of the act passed 23d August, 1842, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles F. Sibbald."

Joint resolution for the relief of Lewis G. De Russey, late a paymaster of the army of the United States.

Joint resolution to correct a clerical error in the act approved June 6,

1846, "for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian."

Joint resolution for the relief of Sheldon B. Hayes.

Joint resolution for the relief of John B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys.

Joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to adjudicate the claims of the Su-quah-natch-ah and other clans of Choctaw Indians whose cases were left undetermined by the commissioners, for the want of the township maps.

Joint resolution for the relief of Seth M. Leavenworth.

EXECUTIVE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FROM WHICH

The injunction of secrecy has been removed during the 1st session 29th Congress, 1845-6.

Message and documents relating to a convention with Russia.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1846.

Mr. Haywood submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the message of the President of the United States of the 13th December, 1824, communicating to the Senate the convention between the United States of America and Russia, concluded at St. Petersburg the 5th (17th) April, 1824, together with the documents* appertaining to the negotiation of the same, which accompanied the said message.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1824.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Mosher, his secretary:

To the President of the Senate of the United States, pro tempore:

I transmit to the Senate the convention signed by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and of H. I. M. the Emperor of Russia, at St. Petersburg, on the 5th (17th) of April last, referred to in my message to both houses of Congress, together with the documents appertaining to the negotiation of the same, for the constitutional consideration of the Senate, with regard to its ratification.

JAMES MONROE.

WASHINGTON, *December* 13, 1824.

Proceedings in relation to the treaty with the Cherokee Indians of the 29th December, 1835, from which the injunction of secrecy has been removed.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1835.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred that part of the President's message relating to Indian affairs, and also

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* NOTE.—Only such parts of the matter from which the injunction of secrecy may have been removed, as may be found in the Executive Journal, are inserted in this appendix; the *documents* are therefore excluded.

the memorials of John Ross and others, and John Ridge and others, submitted the following report:

The subject of the relations between the United States and the Cherokee Indians, and the actual condition in which those Indians are now placed, gives rise to many painful reflections, and is one full of difficulties. The committee has thought it would more promote the public interest by devising some plan which would furnish a reasonable prospect of putting an end to these difficulties, than by discussing questions of doubt, and calculated to excite feelings unfriendly to the interests of both parties. The committee has good reasons to believe, that if the President of the United States will continue a negotiation with them in a spirit of just liberality, it will in a short time terminate in a cession of the whole country now claimed by them east of the Mississippi, and be the means of removing them from where they now live, and thus put an end to a dispute which threatens serious conflicts not only between citizens of the United States and the Indians, but between the Indians themselves.

Your committee believes that the Senate can encourage and aid the President in such a negotiation, by offering its advice as to the terms upon which a treaty ought to be concluded.

When your committee come to fix, in their own minds, the sum which ought to be offered for the country now occupied and claimed by the Cherokees, it is believed the condition in which these people are placed ought to be considered, their great reluctance to dispose of the country, the inconvenience to which a removal will necessarily subject them, as well as the intrinsic value of the country itself; and that the United States owe it to their own character to offer no sum which will not be an adequate consideration.

With this short view of this important subject, the committee offer for the adoption of the Senate the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, advised and requested, as soon as conveniently may be, to negotiate with the Cherokee Indians for a cession of all the lands now occupied and claimed by them east of the river Mississippi; and that he agree to pay them, in consideration therefor, any sum which, in his opinion, is just, not exceeding the sum of dollars.

The report was read.

TUESDAY, March 3, 1835.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Indian Affairs, the 2d instant, in relation to the Cherokee Indians.

On motion by Mr. Knight,

The resolution was amended by striking out all after the word *resolved*, and inserting, That, in the opinion of the Senate, a sum, not exceeding millions of dollars, should be paid to the Cherokee Indians for all their lands and possessions east of the Mississippi river.

The blank in the resolution having been filled with the word "five,"

On the question to agree to the resolution thus amended,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32 / Nays, ... 11

On motion by Mr. Poindexter,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bell, Bibb, Brown, Buchanan, Clay, Clayton, Cuthbert, Frelinghuysen, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hendricks, Kane, Kent, King, of Alabama, King, of Georgia, Knight, Linn, Moore, Naudain, Porter, Prentiss, Robbins, Shepley, Silsbee, Smith, Southard, Swift, Tallmadge, Tipton, Tyler, White, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Benton, Black, Calhoun, Ewing, Hill, Leigh, Mangum, Morris, Poindexter, Robinson, Waggaman.

So it was

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, a sum, not exceeding five millions of dollars, should be paid to the Cherokee Indians for all their lands and possessions east of the Mississippi river.

MONDAY, March 7, 1836.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his secretary:

To the Senate:

I submit to the Senate, for their advice and consent, as to the ratification of the same, the treaty, and the supplement to it, recently concluded with the Cherokee Indians.

The papers referred to in the accompanying communication from the Secretary of War, as necessary to a full view of the whole subject, are also herewith submitted.

ANDREW JACKSON.

Washington, *March 5*, 1836.

The message and treaty were read.

Ordered, That the treaty with the Cherokee Indians, and the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

FRIDAY, March 11, 1836.

Mr. Clay presented a memorial and protest of the Cherokee nation; also a memorial of a large number of individuals of the Cherokee nation; severally in opposition to the ratification of the Indian treaty communicated to the Senate the 7th instant.

The memorials were severally read, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and, with the accompanying papers, ordered to be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

MONDAY, March 21, 1836.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Cherokee nation, presented the 2d March, 1834, with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate; and that one hundred additional copies of the treaty with the

Cherokee Indians, transmitted to the Senate the 7th instant, and the papers relating thereto, be sent to the Senate.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1836.

The following motion, submitted by Mr. White, was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to cause the Senate to be furnished with a copy of all the correspondence which took place between the Secretary of War and the delegation of Cherokee Indians of which John Ross was a member, between the 3d and 15th days of March, 1835.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1836.

Mr. Swift submitted the following motion:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the Cherokee treaty and the papers printed therewith, and those subsequently printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion: and

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice President communicated a report from the Secretary of War, transmitting the correspondence required by the resolution of the Senate of the 23d of March.

Ordered, That these papers be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1836.

On motion by Mr. White,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to cause to be transmitted to the Senate the copy of the letter from W. M. Davis, and of the certificates which accompanied it, received by the Secretary of War since his message transmitting the treaty made with the Cherokee Indians in December last, showing the circumstances under which the said treaty was made and concluded; provided, in his judgment, there is no impropriety in doing so, and the public interest will not be prejudiced thereby.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1836.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his secretary:

To the Senate:

I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of War, communicating the original letter from Major Davis, and the statements which accompany it, referred to in the resolution of the Senate of the 8th instant.

ANDREW JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, *April* 12, 1836.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

TUESDAY, April 19, 1836.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was re-ed the treaty with the Cherokee Indians, communicated the 7th March, orted the same with amendments, which were read.

On motion by Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the message of the 12th instant, with the accompanying ers, relating to the Cherokee treaty, be printed in confidence for the of the Senate.

Mr. Swift presented certain documents relating to the Cherokee treaty, ich were ordered to lie on the table.

MONDAY, May 16, 1836.

The treaty with the Cherokee Indians was read the second time, and sidered as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendments orted thereto.

On the question to agree to the first amendment, in the following words: ike out all after "adjudicated," in article seventh, line two, to the word y" in the third line;

The question was put, Shall these words "by General William Carroll l John F. Schermerhorn or" stand part of the article?

And it was determined in the negative—nays 39.

Those who voted are,

Messrs. Benton, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Calhoun, Clayton, Critten-n, Cuthbert, Davis, Ewing, of Illinois, Ewing, of Ohio, Goldsborough, ndy, Hendricks, Hill, Hubbard, Kent, King, of Alabama, King, of rgia, Leigh, Linn, Mangum, Moore, Niles, Porter, Prentiss, Preston, es, Robbins, Robinson, Ruggles, Southard, Swift, Tallmadge, Tom-son, Walker, Webster, White, Wright.

On the question to agree to the second amendment, viz: Insert in line r of the 17th article, after the word "States," the words *by and with advice and consent of the Senate;*

The question was put, "Shall these words stand part of the article?" And it was determined in the affirmative—yeas 36.

Those who voted are,

Messrs. Benton, Black, Brown, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Davis, Ewing, of nois, Ewing, of Ohio, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hendricks, Hill, Hub-d, Kent, King, of Alabama, King, of Georgia, Leigh, Linn, Mangum, ore, Niles, Prentiss, Preston, Rives, Robbins, Robinson, Ruggles, thard, Swift, Tallmadge, Tomlinson, Walker, Wall, Webster, White, right.

On the question to agree to the third amendment, viz: Strike out the ntieth article, in the following words:

"Article 20. The United States do also hereby guarantee the pay-nt of all unpaid just claims upon the Indians, without expense to them, of the proper funds of the United States, for the settlement of which a sion or cessions of land has or have been heretofore made by the In-ns in Georgia; provided the United States or the State of Georgia has ived benefit from the said cession or cessions of land, without having de payment to the Indians therefor. It is hereby, however, further reed and understood, that if the Senate of the United States disapprove

of this article, it may be rejected without impairing any other provision of this treaty, or affecting the Indians in any manner whatever."

The question was put, "Will the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of this article?"

And it was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12 / Nays, ... 26

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Benton, Brown, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Ewing, of Illinois, King, of Georgia, Linn, Preston, Rives, Tallmadge, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Black, Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Ewing, of Ohio, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hill, Hubbard, Kent, King, of Alabama, Leigh, Mangum, Morris, Niles, Porter, Prentiss, Robbins, Robinson, Shepley, Southard, Swift, Tomlinson, Walker, Webster, White.

No further amendments being made, the treaty was reported to the Senate: and,

On motion by Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

TUESDAY, May 17, 1836.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the treaty with the Cherokee Indians.

On the question to *concur* in the first and second amendments made in Committee of the Whole:

It was determined in the affirmative—yeas 42.

Those who voted are,

Messrs. Benton, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Clay, Clayton, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Davis, Ewing, of Illinois, Ewing, of Ohio, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hendricks, Hill, Hubbard, Kent, King, of Alabama, King, of Georgia, Leigh, Linn, Mangum, Morris, Naudain, Niles, Porter, Prentiss, Preston, Rives, Robbins, Robinson, Ruggles, Shepley, Southard, Swift, Tallmadge, Tomlinson, Walker, Wall, Webster, White, Wright.

On the question to *concur* in the third amendment made in Committee of the Whole, striking out the 20th article:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 33 / Nays, ... 10

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Benton, Black, Clay, Clayton, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Davis, Ewing, of Ohio, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hendricks, Hill, Hubbard, Kent, King, of Alabama, Leigh, Mangum, Morris, Naudain, Niles, Porter, Prentiss, Robbins, Robinson, Ruggles, Shepley, Southard, Swift, Tomlinson, Walker, Wall, Webster, White.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Buchanan, Calhoun, Ewing, of Illinois, King, of Georgia, Linn, Preston, Rives, Tallmadge, Wright.

A motion was made by Mr. Clayton further to amend the treaty by striking out the following words, in article 17, "by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States," and inserting *by the people of the Cherokee nation:*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13 / Nays, ... 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Calhoun, Clay, Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Leigh, Naudain, Prentiss, Robbins, Southard, Swift, Tomlinson, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Benton, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Cuthbert, Ewing, of Illinois, Ewing, of Ohio, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hendricks, Hill, Hubbard, Kent, King, of Alabama, King, of Georgia, Linn, Mangum, Morris, Niles, Porter, Preston, Rives, Robinson, Ruggles, Shepley, Tallmadge, Walker, Wall, White, Wright.

No further amendment being made, Mr. White submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring,) That the Senate do advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty between the United States of America and the Cherokee Indians, concluded at New Echota, the twenty-ninth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, together with the supplementary articles thereto, dated the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, with the following amendments:

Article 17, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "by General William Carroll and John F. Schermerhorn, or."

In the fourth line of the fourth article, after the word "States" insert *by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States.*

Strike out the 20th article, which appears as a supplemental article.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1836.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution for the ratification of the Cherokee treaty.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay to strike out all the resolution after the word "*Resolved*," and to insert: *That the instrument of writing purporting to be a treaty concluded at New Echota on the 29th day of December, 1835, between the United States and the chiefs, headmen, and people of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and the supplementary articles thereto annexed, were not made and concluded by authority on the part of the Cherokee tribe competent to bind it; and therefore, without reference to the terms and conditions of the said agreement and supplementary articles, the Senate cannot consent to and advise the ratification thereof, as a valid treaty binding upon the Cherokee tribe or nation.*

Resolved, That the Senate do advise the President to open a new negotiation with the Cherokees on the east side of the Mississippi, or with persons invested by them with full powers to treat in their behalf, upon the basis of a cession of the whole country of the Cherokees on the east side of the Mississippi, or any part thereof that may be deemed most expedient and practicable.

And the question being stated by the Chair, "Shall the words proposed to be stricken out stand part of the resolution?"

The yeas were 29, the nays 15.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Benton, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Cuthbert, Ewing, of Illinois, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hendricks, Hill, Hubbard, King, of Alabama, King, of Georgia, Linn, McKean, Moore, Morris, Niles, Preston,

Rives, Robinson, Ruggles, Shepley, Tallmadge, Tipton, Walker, Wall, White, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Calhoun, Clay, Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Ewing, of Ohio, Leigh, Naudain, Porter, Prentiss, Robbins, Southard, Swift, Tomlinson, Webster.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

The vote was reconsidered, and it was agreed that the question be stated, "Shall the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay be adopted?" and

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15 / Nays, ... 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Calhoun, Clay, Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Ewing, of Ohio, Leigh, Naudain, Porter, Prentiss, Robbins, Southard, Swift, Tomlinson, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Benton, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Cuthbert, Ewing, of Illinois, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hendricks, Hill, Hubbard, King, of Alabama, King, of Georgia, Linn, McKean, Moore, Morris, Niles, Preston, Rives, Robinson, Ruggles, Shepley, Tallmadge, Tipton, Walker, Wall, White, Wright.

On the question to agree to the resolution as submitted for the ratification of the treaty,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31 / Nays, ... 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Benton, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Cuthbert, Ewing, of Illinois, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hendricks, Hill, Hubbard, Kent, King, of Alabama, King, of Georgia, Linn, McKean, Mangum, Moore, Morris, Niles, Preston, Rives, Robinson, Ruggles, Shepley, Tallmadge, Tipton, Walker, Wall, White, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Calhoun, Clay, Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Ewing, of Ohio, Leigh, Naudain, Porter, Prentiss, Robbins, Southard, Swift, Tomlinson, Webster.

So it was

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring,) That the Senate do advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty between the United States of America and the Cherokee Indians, concluded at New Echota the twenty-ninth December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, together with the supplementary articles thereto, dated the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, with the following amendments:

Article 17, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "by General William Carroll and John F. Schermerhorn, or."

In the 4th line of the 4th article, after the word "States," insert *by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States.*

Strike out the 20th article, which appears as a supplemental article.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

MONDAY, MAY 30, 1836.

On motion by Mr. White,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the treaty with the Cherokee Indians of the 29th December, 1835.

On motion by Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the documents communicated to the Senate in relation to the treaty with the Cherokees of the 29th December, 1835.

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1846.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate in executive session upon the reference to the Senate to fix the compensation to be paid to the Cherokee nation for their country east of the Mississippi, preliminary to the treaty of the 29th December, 1835, and the subsequent proceedings of the Senate upon said treaty.

Executive proceedings, correspondence, and documents, relating to Oregon, from which the injunction of secrecy has been removed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I lay before the Senate a proposal, in the form of a convention, presented to the Secretary of State on the sixth instant, by the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of her Britannic Majesty, for the adjustment of the Oregon question, together with a protocol of this proceeding. I submit this proposal to the consideration of the Senate, and request their advice as to the action which, in their judgment, it may be proper to take in reference to it.

In the early periods of the government, the opinion and advice of the Senate were often taken in advance upon important questions of our foreign policy. General Washington repeatedly consulted the Senate, and asked their previous advice upon pending negotiations with foreign powers; and the Senate in every instance responded to his call by giving their advice, to which he always conformed his action. This practice, though rarely resorted to in later times, was, in my judgment, eminently wise, and may, on occasions of great importance, be properly revived. The Senate are a branch of the treaty-making power; and, by consulting them in advance of his own action upon important measures of foreign policy which may ultimately come before them for their consideration, the Presi-

dent secures harmony of action between that body and himself. The Senate are, moreover, a branch of the war-making power, and it may be eminently proper for the Executive to take the opinion and advice of that body in advance upon any great question which may involve in its decision the issue of peace or war. On the present occasion, the magnitude of the subject would induce me, under any circumstances, to desire the previous advice of the Senate; and that desire is increased by the recent debates and proceedings in Congress, which render it, in my judgment, not only respectful to the Senate, but necessary and proper, if not indispensable, to insure harmonious action between that body and the Executive. In conferring on the Executive the authority to give the notice for the abrogation of the convention of 1827, the Senate acted publicly so large a part, that a decision on the proposal now made by the British government, without a definite knowledge of the views of that body in reference to it, might render the question still more complicated and difficult of adjustment. For these reasons I invite the consideration of the Senate to the proposal of the British government for the settlement of the Oregon question, and ask their advice on the subject.

My opinions and my action on the Oregon question were fully made known to Congress in my annual message of the second of December last; and the opinions therein expressed remain unchanged.

Should the Senate, by the constitutional majority required for the ratification of treaties, advise the acceptance of this proposition, or advise it with such modifications as they may, upon full deliberation, deem proper, I shall conform my action to their advice. Should the Senate, however, decline by such constitutional majority to give such advice, or to express an opinion on the subject, I shall consider it my duty to reject the offer.

I also communicate herewith an extract from a despatch of the Secretary of State to the minister of the United States at London, under date of the twenty-eighth of April last, directing him, in accordance with the joint resolution of Congress "concerning the Oregon Territory," to deliver the notice to the British government for the abrogation of the convention of the 6th of August, 1827; and also a copy of the notice transmitted to him for that purpose, together with extracts from a despatch of that minister to the Secretary of State, bearing date on the eighteenth day of May last.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *June* 10, 1846.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Allen, that the message and documents communicated therewith be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and printed in confidence for the use of the Senate,

A division of the question was called for by Mr. McDuffie: and

On the question, "that the message and documents communicated therewith be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 9 / Nays, ... 37

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Breese, Cass, Dickinson, Fairfield, *Hannegan*, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So the motion to refer was rejected.

On the question to agree to the second clause of the motion,

On motion by Mr. Turney, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Speight, Turney, Upham.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Cass, Corwin, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Jenness, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan, that the further consideration of the message and accompanying documents be postponed until Monday next, the 15th instant:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13 / Nays, ... 35

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Breese, Cass, Colquitt, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Jenness, Rusk, Semple, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So the motion to postpone was rejected.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate proceeded to consider the message of the President of the United States of the 10th instant, communicating a proposal for the adjustment of the Oregon question: and,

After debate,

Mr. Haywood submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring,) That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, advised to accept the pro-

posal of the British government, accompanying his message to the Senate dated 10th June, 1846, for a convention to settle boundaries, &c., between the United States and Great Britain west of the Rocky or Stony mountains.

The Senate, by unanimous consent, proceeded to consider the said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Niles, that it be amended by adding thereto the following:

With the following proviso at the end of the 2d article of the proposed convention, to wit:

Provided, That the rights of navigation secured to British subjects by this article be limited to the year A. D. 1859, *when they shall cease and determine.*

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1846.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Haywood on the 11th instant, together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Niles: and,

After debate,

Mr. Niles, by unanimous consent, modified his proposed amendment to read as follows:

With the following proviso at the end of the 2d article of the proposed convention, to wit:

Provided, That the right of navigating the Columbia river, secured to the Hudson's Bay Company, and to all British subjects trading with the same, be limited to the year A. D. 1863, *when it shall cease and determine.*

On the question to agree thereto:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 10 / Nays, ... 31

On motion by Mr. Niles,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Jenness, Niles, Simmons, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Upham, Webster, Yulee.

So the proposed amendment was rejected.

On the question to agree to the resolution:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 38 / Nays, ... 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce,

Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Jenness, Semple, Sturgeon.

So it was

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring,) That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, advised to accept the proposal of the British government, accompanying his message to the Senate dated 10th June, 1846, for a convention to settle boundaries, &c., between the United States and Great Britain west of the Rocky or Stony mountains.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay the said resolution before the President of the United States.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In accordance with the resolution of the Senate of the 12th instant, that "the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, advised to accept the proposal of the British government, accompanying his message to the Senate dated 10th June, 1846, for a convention to settle boundaries, &c., between the United States and Great Britain west of the Rocky or Stony mountains," a convention was concluded and signed on the 15th instant, by the Secretary of State on the part of the United States, and the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of her Britannic Majesty on the part of Great Britain.

This convention I now lay before the Senate for their consideration, with a view to its ratification.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *June* 16, 1846.

The message was read.

The convention between the United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, concluded at Washington the 15th day of June, 1846, was read a first time.

On motion by Mr. Allen, that the convention and the message communicating the convention, together with the message of the 10th instant communicating a proposal for the adjustment of the Oregon question, and the documents accompanying the same, be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate:

On motion by Mr. McDuffie, to amend the said motion by adding, after the word "same," the words *except the communication from Mr. McLane to Mr. Buchanan:*

A debate ensued: and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate

a copy of all the correspondence which has taken place between this government and that of Great Britain relative to the Oregon treaty, together with the despatches and instructions forwarded to our minister, Mr. McLane; and a full and complete copy of his despatches and communications to this government on the same subject.

WEDNESDAY, June 17, 1846.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan on the 16th instant; which was modified, and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate a copy of all the correspondence which has taken place between this government and that of Great Britain relative to the Oregon treaty, together with the despatches and instructions forwarded to our minister, Mr. McLane; and a full and complete copy of his despatches and communications to this government on the same subject, not heretofore communicated to the Senate.

Mr. Atchison submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to furnish the Senate with all the information in his possession in relation to the kind and extent of claims to farms and lands of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company, in the Territory of Oregon.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 16th instant, to print the convention with Great Britain, and the messages and documents relating thereto: and,

On motion by Mr. Haywood,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Benton, that the convention with Great Britain be referred to a select committee of five members, to consider and report thereon:

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That said motion lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 16th instant, to print the convention with Great Britain, and the messages and documents relating thereto: and,

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed to the motion by Mr. McDuffie:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 31

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Colquitt, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Haywood, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Pennybacker, Rusk, Speight, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Thomas Clayton, Crittenden, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Jenness, Johnson, of Ma-

nd, Mangum, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney,
am, Webster, Westcott.
o the proposed amendment was rejected.
n the question to agree to the motion to print,
was determined in the affirmative.
o it was
rdered, That the convention and the message communicating the con-
tion, together with the message of the 10th instant communicating a
osal for the adjustment of the Oregon question, and the documents ac-
panying the same, be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1846.

he Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Atch-
the 17th instant; which was modified by adding thereto the following
ls:
nd that he be requested to communicate to the Senate a copy of the act
rporating the "Puget's Sound Agricultural Company," or of the origi-
instrument constituting that company.
n motion by Mr. Allen, to amend the said resolution, so modified, by
ng thereto the following:
nd that the President be requested to lay before the Senate any informa-
in his possession relative to the kind, character, number, and extent
he possessory rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, and of all British
ects who may be already in the occupation of land or other property in
Oregon Territory south of the forty-ninth parallel of north latitude;
, the number of such British subjects, including the members, agents,
servants of said company; also, the location, number, and extent of the
, stations, and settlements of said company south of said parallel; also,
neans of attack and defence in the possession of said company within
limits:
fter debate,

was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 36 / Nays, ... 15

On motion by Mr. Allen,
he yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
hose who voted in the affirmative are,
essrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun,
ieron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton,
inson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Jenness, John-
of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller,
s, Pennybacker, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Sturgeon, Westcott, Wood-
ge, Yulee.
hose who voted in the negative are,
essrs. Archer, Bagby, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton,
ns, Greene, Haywood, Lewis, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Speight, Tur-
, Webster.
o the amendment was agreed to.
he resolution, as amended, was then agreed to, as follows:
esolved, That the President be requested to furnish the Senate with
he information in his possession in relation to the kind and extent of
ns to farms and lands of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company, in

the Territory of Oregon; and that he be requested to communicate to the Senate a copy of the act incorporating the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company, or of the original instrument constituting that company; and that the President be requested to lay before the Senate any information in his possession relative to the kind, character, number, and extent of the possessory rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, and of all British subjects who may be already in the occupation of land or other property in the Oregon Territory south of the forty-ninth parallel of north latitude; also, the number of such British subjects, including the members, agents, and servants of said company; also, the location, number, and extent of the forts, stations, and settlements of said company south of said parallel; also, the means of attack and defence in the possession of said company within said limits.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay the said resolution before the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to consider the treaty between the United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, concluded at Washington the 15th day of June, 1846: and no amendment being made thereto, it was reported to the Senate.

Mr. McDuffie submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring,) That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty between the United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, concluded at Washington the 15th day of June, 1846.

The Senate, by unanimous consent, proceeded to consider the said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan, to amend the said resolution by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*," and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, advised by the Senate to offer to the government of Great Britain as a just, fair, and equitable compromise of the conflicting claims of the two governments connected with the country lying along between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific ocean, extending from the parallel of forty-two degrees to fifty-four degrees and forty minutes north latitude, and including the islands embraced within said parallels of latitude adjacent to the coast, the following, as the fundamental provisions for a treaty between the two governments:

First. The government of Great Britain shall acknowledge the right of soil and the sovereignty to exist and be with the United States to the whole territory above described, and shall abandon to the United States all claim which shall in any manner conflict with the paramount jurisdiction of the United States therein.

Second. The United States shall guaranty to the Hudson's Bay Company for twenty years from the date of such treaty the most perfect security in all their possessions, and the right to pursue their business of hunting and trapping, with all the immunities which pertain thereto, and to trade during that period with the natives, and the use during that time of the ports, rivers, and harbors within said Territory, without charge or hindrance.

Third. Within twelve months from the date of said treaty, commissioners shall be selected, by and on behalf of the respective governments, whose duty it shall be to assess at just and liberal prices the value of the property of the Hudson's Bay Company within said Territory, which amount, when ascertained, shall be paid by the United States to said company, in such manner and at such time as shall be agreed upon between the United States and Great Britain:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 5 / Nays, ... 42

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Cameron, Hannegan, Semple, Sturgeon.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So the proposed amendment was rejected.

On the question to agree to the resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 41 / Nays, ... 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Semple, Sturgeon, Westcott.

So it was

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring,) That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty between the United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, concluded at Washington the 15th day of June, 1846.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay the said resolution before the President of the United States.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1846.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the message of the President of the 10th instant, communicating a proposal for the adjustment of the Oregon question, and the documents accompanying the same; also, from the message of the 16th instant and the treaty communicated therewith, and from the proceedings of the Senate upon and relating to the subject.

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1846.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy be forthwith removed from the treaty with Great Britain relative to the Oregon Territory, and the correspondence which accompanied it, and all the proceedings thereon, including the speeches and remarks of Senators.

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1846.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate if it is his intention to comply with two resolutions of the Senate, passed on the 17th ultimo, in relation to the correspondence attending the Oregon treaty, and the origin of the "Puget's Sound Agricultural Company," with the nature and extent of the company's claims and possessions in Oregon.

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1846.

The following messages were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I herewith transmit, in compliance with the request of the Senate in their resolution of the 17th of June, 1846, a report of the Secretary of State, together with a copy of all "the despatches and instructions" "relative to the Oregon treaty," "forwarded to our minister, Mr. McLane," "not heretofore communicated to the Senate," including a statement of the propositions for the adjustment of the Oregon question previously made and rejected by the respective governments. This statement was furnished to Mr. McLane before his departure from the country, and is dated on the 12th July, 1845, the day on which the note was addressed by the Secretary of State to Mr. Pakenham, offering to settle the controversy by the 49th parallel of latitude, which was rejected by that minister on the 29th July following.

The Senate will perceive that extracts from but two of Mr. McLane's "despatches and communications to this government" are transmitted; and these only because they were necessary to explain the answers given to them by the Secretary of State.

These despatches are both numerous and voluminous; and, from their confidential character, their publication, it is believed, would be highly prejudicial to the public interests.

Public considerations alone have induced me to withhold the despatches of Mr. McLane addressed to the Secretary of State. I concur with the Secretary of State in the views presented in his report, herewith transmitted, against the publication of these despatches.

Mr. McLane has performed his whole duty to his country; and I am not only willing, but anxious, that every Senator who may desire it shall have an opportunity of perusing these despatches at the Department of State. The Secretary of State has been instructed to afford every facility for this purpose.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *July* 21, 1846.

To the Senate of the United States:

I communicate, herewith, a report from the Secretary of State, in answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 18th of June, 1846, calling for certain information in relation to the Oregon Territory.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *July* 21, 1846.

The messages were read.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the message relating to the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company and the Hudson's Bay Company, and the report of the Secretary of State communicated therewith, be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the message communicating certain correspondence relative to the Territory of Oregon be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

That the Senate proceed to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Allen on the 19th June, to remove the injunction of secrecy from the treaty, documents, and proceedings relating to Oregon:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 30

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Barrow, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Dickinson, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Mangum, Rusk, Semple, Simmons, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Cilley, Corwin, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Sevier, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 10th July last, to remove the injunction of secrecy from the treaty with Great Britain relative to the Oregon Territory, and the correspondence which accompanied it, and all the proceedings thereon, including the speeches and remarks of Senators, and agreed thereto.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1846.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from all the correspondence heretofore communicated to the Senate in executive session relative to the Oregon Territory.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1846.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That two thousand copies of the journal, correspondence, and documents connected with the Oregon treaty, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Proceedings of the Senate on the message of the President relating to affairs with the republic of Mexico, from which the injunction of secrecy has been removed.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1846.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I herewith communicate to the Senate the copy of a letter, under date of the 27th ultimo, from the Secretary of State of the United States to the Minister of Foreign Relations of the Mexican republic, again proposing to open negotiations and conclude a treaty of peace, which shall adjust all the questions in dispute between the two republics. Considering the relative power of the two countries, the glorious events which have already signalized our arms, and the distracted condition of Mexico, I did not conceive that any point of national honor could exist which ought to prevent me from making this overture. Equally anxious to terminate, by a peace honorable for both parties, as I was originally to avoid the existing war, I have deemed it my duty again to extend the olive branch to Mexico. Should the government of that republic accept the offer in the same friendly spirit by which it was dictated, negotiations will speedily commence for the conclusion of a treaty.

The chief difficulty to be anticipated in the negotiation is the adjustment of the boundary between the parties, by a line which shall at once be satisfactory and convenient to both, and such as neither will hereafter be inclined to disturb. This is the best mode of securing perpetual peace and good neighborhood between the two republics. Should the Mexican government, in order to accomplish these objects, be willing to cede any portion of their territory to the United States, we ought to pay them a fair equivalent; a just and honorable peace, and not conquest, being our purpose in the prosecution of the war.

Under these circumstances, and considering the exhausted and distracted condition of the Mexican republic, it might become necessary, in order to restore peace, that I should have it in my power to advance a portion of the consideration money for any cession of territory which may be made. The Mexican government might not be willing to wait for the payment of

whole until the treaty could be ratified by the Senate, and an appro-
tion to carry it into effect be made by Congress; and the necessity for
h a delay might defeat the object altogether. I would, therefore, sug-
t whether it might not be wise for Congress to appropriate a sum such as
y might consider adequate for this purpose, to be paid, if necessary, im-
liately upon the ratification of the treaty by Mexico. This disburse-
nt would of course be accounted for at the treasury, not as secret
rice money, but like other expenditures.

Two precedents for such a proceeding exist in our past history, during
administration of Mr. Jefferson, to which I would call your attention.
the 26th of February, 1803, Congress passed an act appropriating two
lions of dollars "for the purpose of defraying any extraordinary ex-
ses which may be incurred in the intercourse between the United
tes and foreign nations," "to be applied under the direction of the
sident of the United States, who shall cause an account of the expen-
ire thereof to be laid before Congress as soon as may be;" and, on the
h of February, 1806, an appropriation was made of the same amount,
in the same terms. The object, in the first case, was to enable the
sident to obtain the cession of Louisiana; and, in the second, that of the
ridas. In neither case was the money actually drawn from the treasu-
and I should hope that the result might be similar, in this respect, on
present occasion, though the appropriation is deemed expedient as a
cautionary measure.

refer the whole subject to the Senate in executive session. If they
uld concur in opinion with me, then I recommend the passage of a law
ropriating such a sum as Congress may deem adequate, to be used by
Executive, if necessary, for the purpose which I have indicated.

n the two cases to which I have referred, the special purpose of the ap-
priation did not appear on the face of the law, as this might have de-
ed the object; neither, for the same reason, in my opinion, ought it
v to be stated.

also communicate to the Senate the copy of a letter from the Secretary
State to Commodore Conner of the 27th ultimo, which was transmitted
him on the day it bears date.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *August* 4, 1846.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

Ordered, That the message, with the documents communicated there-
h, relating to affairs with the republic of Mexico, be referred to the Com-
tee on Foreign Relations.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1846.

Mr. McDuffie, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom were
erred, on the 4th instant, the message and documents relating to affairs
h the republic of Mexico, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the course adopted and proposed by the President, as
icated in his message of the 4th instant, for the speedy termination of
war with Mexico, receives the approbation of the Senate.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, it is expedient to place

two millions of dollars at the disposal of the President, to be used at his discretion in the event of a treaty of peace with Mexico, satisfactorily adjusting the boundaries of the two countries; and that the Committee on Foreign Relations be instructed to report to the Senate, in open session, a bill for that purpose, in conformity to the provisions of similar acts passed in 1803 and 1806.

The Senate, by unanimous consent, proceeded to consider the said resolutions: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. McDuffie, the second resolution was modified to read as follows:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, it is expedient to place a sum of money at the disposal of the President, to be used at his discretion in the event of a treaty of peace with Mexico, satisfactorily adjusting the boundaries of the two countries.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following as an amendment to the said resolutions: To strike out all after the word "Resolved," in the first resolution, to the end of the second resolution, and insert:

That the Senate heartily unite with the President in his expressed desire for a speedy and honorable peace with Mexico; but, as at present informed, they have no further advice to give in the premises.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the resolutions reported by the committee, as modified, be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

THURSDAY, August 6, 1846.

Mr. McDuffie, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom were recommitted on the 5th instant the resolutions reported on that day, reported the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Senate entertain a strong desire that the existing war with Mexico should be terminated by a treaty of peace, just and honorable to both nations; and that the President be advised to adopt all proper measures for the attainment of that object.

2d. *Resolved further*, That the Senate deem it advisable that Congress should appropriate a sum of money to enable the President to conclude a treaty of peace, limits, and boundaries with the republic of Mexico, and to be used by him in the event that such treaty should call for the expenditure of the money so appropriated, or any part thereof.

The Senate, by unanimous consent, proceeded to consider the said resolutions: and,

On the question to agree to the first resolution:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 43 / Nays, ... 2

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Se-

, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Westcott, Woodge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Rusk.

So the first resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to retain the bill in the House of Representatives (H. R. 50) "making appropriations for civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending 30th day of June, 1847, and for other purposes," which passed the ate with amendments on the 5th instant, and not communicate the e to the House of Representatives until the further order of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the vote on the adoption of the said order be reconsid-

On motion by Mr. Atchison, to amend the second resolution by insert- after the word "Mexico," the following words: *and for the purchase he whole or a part of Upper California:*

; was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 11 / Nays, ... 34

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cass, Dix, Pearce, ier, Sturgeon, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Berrien, Chalmers, ey, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, nnegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, John-, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, lps, Semple, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Pearce, to amend the second resolution by adding eto the following proviso: *Provided, That no part of the said sum of ey shall be applied to the purchase of any part of California:*

On motion by Mr. Semple, to amend this proposed amendment by adding eto the words, *until after the conclusion of a peace with Mexico:*

; was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Pearce:

; was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 7 / Nays, ... 32

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Up-t.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, ton, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Corwin, Dickin-, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Duffie, Mangum, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, stcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Berrien, to amend the second resolution reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations, by striking out after the word "*Resolved,*" to the end thereof, and inserting the following:

That, in the opinion of the Senate, it would be proper to place at the disposal of the President of the United States a sum of money adequate to the attainment of peace with Mexico, by negotiating a treaty for the restoration of peace, and defining and establishing the limits and boundaries between the United States and Mexico; and that, to accomplish this object, it would be advisable that a proposition to this effect should be submitted to the two houses of Congress in such mode as the President may deem proper.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 10 / Nays, ... 34

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Berrien, Corwin, Crittenden, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Semple, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Morehead, to amend the second resolution by adding thereto the following:

Provided, That before the appropriation is made, the President of the United States shall inform the two houses of Congress, in confidence, of the object or objects to which the money shall be applied:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Semple, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

On the question to agree to the second resolution reported this day from the Committee on Foreign Relations,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 33 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Cass,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Corwin, Crittenden, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana,

Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Webster, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Barrow, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Davis, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Semple, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

So the second resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay the said resolutions before the President of the United States.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1846.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed forthwith to report a bill appropriating two millions of dollars, to be placed at the disposal of the President, to enable him to conclude a treaty of peace, limits, and boundary with the republic of Mexico, agreeably to a resolution of the Senate adopted in executive session on the 6th instant, and in concurrence with the recommendation of the President in his communication on that subject to the Senate in executive session, received on the 4th instant.

Mr. Lewis submitted a communication from the Secretary of State to the chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Senate, on the subject embraced in said resolution, which was read.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the message of the President of the 4th instant, relating to a negotiation with the republic of Mexico, from all documents communicated to the Senate in relation thereto, and from the proceedings of the Senate on the subject thereof.

Senators of the United States whose seats will be vacant in—

1847.	1849.	1851.
Mr. Archer, of Virginia.	Mr. Allen, of Ohio.	Mr. Benton, of Missouri.
Ashley, of Ark.	Atchison, of Miss.	Bright, of Indiana.
Barrow, of La.	Atherton, of N. H.	Cass, of Michigan.
Berrien, of Ga.	Bagby, of Alabama.	J. M. Clayton, of Del.
Calhoun, of S. C.	Breese, of Illinois.	Corwin, of Ohio.
Chalmers, of Miss.	Cameron, of Penn.	Dayton, of N. Jersey.
Cilley, of N. H.	Colquitt, of Georgia.	Dickinson, of N. Y.
T. Clayton, of Del.	Crittenden, of Ky.	Fairfield, of Maine.
Davis, of Mass.	Dix, of New York.	Greene, of R. Island.
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120	A bill making alterations in the pay department of the army.	188	295, 300	300	330	321, 323, 337 338, 341, 342 347, 349	356
121	A bill for the relief of Joseph Wilson -	188					
122	A bill to authorize the justices of the county court of Bates county, in the State of Missouri, to enter a certain quarter-section of land for a county seat.	194	220	220	357	358, 359	363

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
123	A bill for the relief of certain bail of Thaddeus Haskell, of the State of Vermont.	199					
124	A bill to refund to the legal representative of Thomas Cooper a fine imposed under the sedition law.	201					
125	A bill for the relief of Oliver C. Harris -	203					
126	A bill for the relief of William Marvin, in confirming the title to a tract of land in Florida, granted by the Spanish government to Bernardo Segui on the 20th of December, 1815.	207					
127	A bill to surrender to the State of Tennessee all title the United States have to lands in Tennessee south and west of the line commonly called the congressional reservation line, and to release to said State the proceeds of such of said lands as may have been sold by the State of Tennessee, as the agent of the United States.	207	463	463	489	490, 492, 496	497
128	A bill to compromise the claim of the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith T, under a Spanish grant.	208					
129	A bill for the relief of Robert Barclay, of Missouri.	208	402	402	418	421, 424, 428	430
130	A bill for the relief of George Wingard -	208					
131	A bill for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green.	213	255, 261, 270 272	274			
132	A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase of American water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy.	212	212	215	215	219	221
133	A bill for the final adjustment of the accounts of some of the States.	215					
134	A bill for the relief of Samuel A. Morse	215					
135	A bill to confirm the title of a tract of land in the Territory of Iowa to the heirs, assignees, or legal representatives of Julien Dubuque, deceased.	218					
136	A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the Attorney General, to purchase for the United States the interest of Balie Peyton in the tract of land upon which the light-house stands, at the southwest pass at the mouth of the Mississippi river.	218					
137	A bill for the relief of Thos. Hutchinson	218					
138	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Jones and the other children, if any, of John Carr.	219					
139	A bill making compensation to pension agents.	219					
140	A bill for giving effect to the 8th article of the treaty with Spain.	220					
141	A bill to change the distribution of duties among the naval bureaus.	223	228, 231, 233 235, 266, 268				
142	A bill for the relief of John Bronson -	225					

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
143	A bill to repeal the act of the 2d of March, 1837, entitled "An act concerning pilots."	227					
144	A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Hoggatt	229					
145	A bill for the relief of George W. Walton	229					
146	A bill for the relief of Calvin Read -	230					
147	A bill for the relief of Harriet Ward -	231	402	402	473	477, 479, 489	490
148	A bill establishing certain post-routes, and for other purposes.	232	311	311	316	316, 318, 319	330
149	A bill for the relief of Stalker & Hill -	232					
150	A bill to provide for the settlement of the accounts of Wm. B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin.	235					
151	A bill to confer upon the commissioners appointed under the "act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil cases depending in the courts of the United States," approved February 20, 1812, the power of inquiring into, and binding over for, certain offences against the United States.	237					
152	A bill for the relief of Abraham B. Fannin.	237	255, 376	376	445	447, 455	462
153	A bill for the relief of Jones & Boker -	238					
154	A bill to grant to the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company a right of way through the public lands, and for other purposes.	240					
155	A bill for the relief of John Keith -	245	300	300	446	449, 455, 463	470
156	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton.	251	403	404			
157	A bill to provide for the transportation of the United States mail across the isthmus of Panama.	251	299, 487				
158	A bill for the relief of Edward Bolon -	255	413	413			
159	A bill confirming the claims of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land.	255	272				
160	A bill to establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of Charleston.	257					
161	A bill for the relief of Ray Tompkins and other children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins.	257					
162	A bill to authorize the sale of certain reserved lands in the St. Stephen's land district, in the State of Alabama.	257					
163	A bill to establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of New York.	258					
164	A bill for the relief of Joseph Watson -	260					
165	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Crocker Sampson.	263	413	413			
166	A bill for the relief of Asenath Canney	263	316	316	357	358, 359	363
167	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain John Clitz, deceased.	266	355, 358				
168	A bill for the relief of Henry H. Marsh, of Michigan.	266	413	413			

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
169	A bill for the relief of Wm. B. Keene -	268	413	413			
170	A bill to refund to certain persons named therein an excess of duty exacted on the importation of foreign merchandise.	267					
171	A bill granting a pension to John Clark	267	413	413			
172	A bill for the relief of the heirs of the late Uri Emmons.	271					
173	A bill for the relief of the assignees or legal representatives of Jaques Moulon.	272					
174	A bill for the relief of Alexis Ayot -	272	413	413	516	527, 528	529
175	A bill to amend an act entitled "An act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting the same," approved February 26, 1845.	273					
176	A bill for the relief of the Mexican Railroad Company.	276	349				
177	A bill for the relief of certain persons therein named.	291					
178	A bill supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes."	291	391				
179	A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Louis de la Houssaye.	292	292				
180	A bill to provide a free bridge across the eastern branch of the river Potomac in the city of Washington.	293					
181	A bill relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes.	293					
182	A bill to repeal part of the act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1846.	293	299	299			
183	A bill in addition to and amendment of the several acts to promote the progress of the useful arts.	296					
184	A bill to remit the duties which have been paid or have accrued upon the importation of railroad iron, in certain cases.	298	478, 481				
185	A bill supplemental to an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes."	301	301, 310, 311 314	315	325	332, 340, 342 347, 350, 354 356, 358, 359	363
186	A bill for the relief of Isaiah Toy -	304					
187	A bill for the relief of Creed Taylor -	304					
188	A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Stafford	304	376	380	409	424	422
189	A bill to revive and continue in force the several acts heretofore passed for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States.	304					
190	A bill to change the time for holding the terms of certain courts of the United States in Virginia and Tennessee.	307					
191	A bill for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation.	311					

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
192	A bill to authorize the clerks of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of Virginia to appoint deputies, and for other purposes.	312	323				
193	A bill to relinquish to the State of Alabama the public land remaining unsold in that State on the first day of January, 1847.	312					
194	A bill supplementary to, and to amend an act entitled "An act to continue in force an act to protect the commerce of the United States, and also to make further provision for punishing the crime of piracy."	312					
195	A bill to increase the compensation of deputy surveyors of Arkansas.	313					
196	A bill in relation to the July term of the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio.	313	313	313	316	318, 319	390
197	A bill relating to, and increasing the duties of, the Attorney General.	318	335				
198	A bill to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes in the Territory of Oregon, and to preserve peace and cultivate friendship with and among the said Indians.	320					
199	A bill to grant a right of pre-emption to Philip Dering and Robert H. Champion.	320					
200	A bill to divide the district of Arkansas into two judicial districts.	325					
201	A bill for the payment of the fourth regiment in the second brigade of the third division of the Vermont militia for services at the battle of Plattsburg	331					
202	A bill for the relief of Wade Allen	338					
203	A bill for the relief of William Pittman	338					
204	A bill requiring apprentices to be employed on board vessels engaged in the coasting trade.	353					
205	A bill for the relief of Pearson Cogswell	353					
206	A bill to grant a quantity of public land to the State of Arkansas for the purpose of internal improvement.	353					
207	A bill in amendment of an act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the Post Office Department."	358	391	493			
208	A bill for the relief of Shedrack Gillet and others.	360					
209	A bill in addition to the several resolves, ordinances, and acts of Congress providing for, or relative to, the grant of bounty lands to the officers and soldiers of the revolution upon the continental establishment.	360					
210	A bill to provide for the distribution of the edition of the laws and treaties of	362	389				

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
	the United States, published by Little and Brown, under the provisions of the resolutions of Congress, approved March 3, 1845, and for other purposes.						
211	A bill to provide for the organization of the volunteer forces brought into the service of the United States into brigades and divisions, and for the appointment of the necessary number of general officers to command the same.	363	366	366	371	371, 373	373
212	A bill to increase the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, and the militia and volunteers in the service of the same, and allowing them bounty land in certain cases.	365	389				
213	A bill for the relief of Peter Engles, sen.	365					
214	A bill providing for the publication and distribution of additional copies of the narrative and scientific works of the exploring expedition under the command of Commander Charles Wilkes of the United States navy.	365					
215	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of George Mayo, deceased.	368					
216	A bill authorizing the appointment of a board of engineers to make an examination and survey of the Mississippi, with the view to the improvement of its navigation, and provision for the gradual reduction of the price of the swampy and inundated public lands lying thereon, within the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Illinois, and Missouri.	368					
217	A bill to provide for the completion of the marine hospital and erection of a custom-house in the port of New Orleans	373					
218	A bill for the relief of Welcome Parmeter	374					
219	A bill for the relief of John England -	374					
220	A bill for the relief of Josephine Nourse	378					
221	A bill to establish and organize an executive bureau under the exclusive direction and control of the President of the United States.	381	396, 408				
222	A bill to establish a new land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin.	381	466	466			
223	A bill to erect the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes.	382					
224	A bill for the relief of Fernando Fillany	382					
225	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton.	382	389				
226	A bill for the relief of Madison Allen -	384					

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
227	A bill for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased.	389					
228	A bill to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana.	390	408				
229	A bill for the relief of Joshua Dodge -	391					
230	A bill for the relief of Sarah A. King, widow and administratrix of the late John T. King.	390					
231	A bill for the relief of Erskine and Eichelberger.	398					
232	A bill supplementary to "An act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned," passed April 18, 1814.	398					
233	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Moses Shepherd, deceased.	404					
234	A bill providing for the erection and completion of certain defences on the gulf coast of Florida.	418					
235	A bill to procure a bust of marble of John Rutledge, of South Carolina, formerly chief justice of the United States.	420					
236	A bill to direct the sale of certain lands in the State of Arkansas.	422					
237	A bill for the relief of Michael Hanson.	423					
238	A bill for the relief of Seneca G. Simmons.	425					
239	A bill to provide for transporting the mail of the United States to Oregon.	432					
240	A bill for the relief of Hobson Johns -	446	451				
241	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased.	451					
242	A bill to amend the act of June 30, 1834, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers."	451					
243	A bill in relation to the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Ohio.	456	456	456	458	463, 465	470
244	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Rice Jones, deceased.	458					
245	A bill for the relief of Artemas Conant -	461					
246	A bill to set apart a portion of the public lands with which to construct a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean.	461					
247	A bill for the relief of Peter Frost -	462					
248	A bill to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American barque Pons, of Philadelphia, by the name of the Cordelia.	465					
249	A bill for the relief of the heirs and representatives of John Beardon, deceased.	471					
250	A bill in relation to claims for losses sustained by Indian depredations and otherwise in the late Seminole war.	471					
251	A bill for the relief of John P. Baldwin, owner of the Spanish brig Gil Blas.	472					

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
252	A bill to establish a superintendency, agencies, and sub-agencies for the Indians in the State of Texas.	471					
253	A bill granting a pension to Bethia Healy, widow of George Healy, deceased.	487					
254	A bill for the relief of John A. Rogers -	492					
255	A bill for the relief of Mary G. Clitz -	492					
256	A bill to authorize the President of the United States to issue letters of marque and reprisal.	496	496	496			
257	A bill to carry into effect the provisions and stipulations of the 9th article of the Florida treaty, with respect to certain losses of Spanish subjects in West Florida.	497					
258	A bill to establish the collection district of Oregon.	505					
259	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Jacob Housman, deceased.	505					
260	A bill appropriating two millions of dollars to enable the President to conclude a treaty of peace and limits with Mexico.	508					
261	A bill for the relief of Cadwallader Wallace.	526					

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SENATE.

Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
1	Resolution advising the President of the United States to give notice to the government of Great Britain that the government of the United States will, in virtue of the 2d article of the convention of the 6th of August, A. D. 1827, between the two governments, relative to the Oregon Territory, annul and abrogate that convention.	58	68, 91, 96, 144, 147, 148, 152, 156, 158, 160, 164, 166, 169, 173, 176, 181, 186, 188, 190, 192, 197, 200, 202, 203, 211, 214, 216, 220, 221, 224, 225, 229, 230, 231, 232, 234, 235, 237, 243, 245, 246				
2	Resolution in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser.	58	106	286			
3	Resolution regulating the printing of Congress, and establishing the compensation of the same.	84	87, 89, 90	92	429	430, 434, 439	440

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
4	Resolution appropriating a portion of the public ground in the city of Washington for the erection of a monument to George Washington.	86	89				
5	Resolution declaratory of the principles by which the United States will be governed in regard to the interposition of the powers of Europe in the political affairs of America.	102					
6	Resolution concerning the Oregon Territory.	103					
6a	Resolution in relation to the issuing of grants of certain lands in Louisiana.	110	310, 324, 329 351, 354	361	371	371, 373	373
7	Resolution for the relief of Orlando Saltmarsh and William Fuller.	113	348	354			
8	Resolution proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States.	113	124		4		
9	Resolution to provide for the preservation of petitions and other papers presented to Congress.	119	186				
10	Resolution for statements touching the relations between the United States and the Indian tribes.	128	401				
11	Resolution providing for temporary mail service in Texas.	135	156	156	301	303, 304, 305	305
12	Resolution to authorize the transmission and presentation of books to the minister of justice of France, in exchange for books received from him.	140	162	166	168	172, 173, 179	181
13	Resolution in relation to the rendition of judgments against the United States in certain cases.	150					
14	Resolution for the relief of True Putney & Hugh Riddle.	151	310	313	467	470, 476	479
15	Resolution in relation to mineral lands -	160	179				
16	Resolution for subscription for Gordon's Indices.	175					
17	Resolution for the relief of Peter Gorman	175	190	200	311	312, 314, 318	318
18	Resolution for the relief of Mary Ann Linton.	181					
19	Resolution declaratory of the act passed August 23, 1842, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles F. Sibbald."	185	376	376	516	527, 528	530
20	Resolution to provide for the publication of a code of land laws and instructions.	203					
21	Resolution to authorize the President to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandotts and Delawares, for the purchase of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians.	219	402, 444	402			
22	Resolution authorizing the employment of Hiram Powers to execute certain statues for the United States.	263					
23	Resolution in regard to claims of citizens of the United States upon the Republic of Mexico.	268					
24	Resolution for the relief of Lewis G. De Russey, late a paymaster in the army of the United States.	299	299	302	418	421, 424, 428	430

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
25	Resolution respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary-lines of the United States of America with foreign States.	313					
26	Resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Brigadier General Taylor, and for other purposes.	316	322, 358				
27	Resolution to correct a clerical error in the act approved June 6, 1846, for the relief of the legal representatives of George Duval, a Cherokee Indian.	337	337	337	347	349, 350	364
28	Resolution for the relief of William H. Thomas.	345					
29	Resolution relative to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field notes.	366	495	495	516	527, 528	529
30	Resolution for the relief of G. R. Barry, a purser in the United States navy.	375	375	375			
31	Resolution supplementary to the resolution of February 20, 1845, for distributing the works of the exploring expedition.	389	389	389	404	407, 410, 414	412
32	Resolution for the benefit of John Devlin	398					
33	Resolution authorizing the sale of certain land at Baton Rouge to the State of Louisiana.	428	428	428	431	434, 439	440
34	Resolution for the relief of Henry R. Schoolcraft.	437					
35	Resolution for the relief of Tahny, Akey, Sally, Utsah, Olly, Polly, and Archibald, the widow and children of Sour John, a Cherokee Indian.	458					
36	Resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to adjust, by arbitration, a controversy between the United States and David Ames.	477	487				
37	Resolution appointing regents of the Smithsonian Institution.	525	525	525	–	526, 527, 529	530

BILLS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
1	A bill to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue.	226	226	250, 331, 418 423, 426, 457 460, 464	467	482, 489, 490	529
3	A bill to amend an act, approved February 24, 1843, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the relief of George Mayfield,' approved July 27, 1842."	251	251	272	302	307, 309	311
5	A bill to establish the Smithsonian institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.	269	269	330	519	527, 528	529
6	A bill to establish the collection district of Chicago.	83	83	192, 401	401	409, 410, 414	418
7	A bill to protect the rights of American citizens in the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains, and for other purposes.	251	252	256, 259, 264 307, 310, 311 317, 321, 322 471			
8	A bill to authorize the President of the United States to sell the reserved mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, supposed to contain lead ore.	337	339	391	397	400, 408	409
14	A bill to define the boundaries of the State of Iowa, and to repeal so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, as relates to the boundaries of Iowa.	339	341	396, 464	466	470, 476, 479	479
15	A bill to exempt canal boats from the payment of fees and hospital money.	264	264	409	409	418, 420, 424	430
16	A bill for the relief of Joseph Kemball -	151	151	163, 403	403	408, 410	414
17	A bill for the relief of Charles Benns -	172	172	237			
18	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers.	208	208	309, 426, 429 440	440	444, 446, 447 480	
19	A bill for the relief of Semington Buffenbarger.	151	151	162, 403	403	408, 410	414
20	A bill to legalize certain land sales made at Chocchuma and Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, and to indemnify the Chickasaws therefor.	95	96	137, 403	403	408, 410	414
22	A bill authorizing the trustees of Tymochtee township, Wyandott county, Ohio, to select lands for schools within the Wyandott cession.	423	425	431	501	506, 512	519
30	A bill for the relief of James Davidson, of the county of Fentress, in the State of Tennessee.	151	151	178, 219, 403	403	408, 410	414
32	A bill for the relief of George D. Spencer	151	151	403	403	408, 410	414
38	A bill to authorize an increase in the rank and file of the army of the United States.	214	214	219, 239, 286	286	287, 292	294
39	A bill for the relief of James Mains -	172	172	189, 403	403	408, 410	414
40	A bill for the relief of James Wyman -	172	172	189, 403	403	408, 410	414
41	A bill for the relief of William McCauley	163	163	178, 403	403	408, 410	414
42	A bill for the relief of John Ficklin -	163	163	178, 403	403	408, 410	414
43	A bill for the relief of Joseph Watson -	172	172	189, 403	403	408, 410	414
44	A bill for the relief of Arthur R. Frogge, of Fentress county, Tennessee.	172	172	178, 403	403	408, 410	414
45	A bill for the relief of Joseph M. Rhea, of the county of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee.	172	172	178, 403	403	408, 410	414

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Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
47	A bill making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1847.	146	147	276	292	296	299
48	A bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1847.	163	163	271, 292, 297	298	357, 360, 361 368, 374, 375 377	386
49	A bill making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1847.	303	304	374	397 399	399, 427, 428 431, 433, 438 466, 472, 473 492, 506, 511	518
50	A bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1847, and for other purposes.	318	319	437, 476, 479	482	505, 508, 509 519, 524, 527 528	529
51	A bill making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1847.	354	354	354, 456, 464 466	467	489, 490, 492 494, 523, 524 527, 528, 527 528	529
52	A bill for the relief of Samuel D. Walker, of Baltimore.	172	172	487	502	506, 512	517
54	A bill for the relief of Smith, Thurgar, & Co.	172	172	226	497	509, 510, 512	517
55	A bill for the relief of William Culver -	285	286	389			
56	A bill for the relief of John G. Pierie -	172	172	227, 403	403	408, 410	414
59	A bill authorizing the inhabitants of township one, of range thirteen east, Seneca county, Ohio, to relinquish certain lands selected for schools, and to obtain others in lieu of them.	323	325	432	501	506, 512	517
63	A bill for the relief of John E. Holland	172	172	189, 403	403	408, 410	414
65	A bill making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1847, and for other purposes.	157	160	244	272	274, 277	285
66	A bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending June 30, 1847.	427	428	438	438	516, 525, 527 528	529
68	A bill to regulate writs of error and appeals from the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama.	110	113	185	498	506, 511	517
80	A bill to attach to the Fort Wayne land district certain tracts of land lying within the limits of that district which are not now attached to any district.	160	160	231	498	509, 513	528
92	A bill making appropriations for certain defensive works of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1847.	448	463	472, 477, 510	510	513	528
98	A bill to enable the Secretary of the Navy to purchase the right of using "Mix's patent manger stopper.	264	264	309	498	506, 511	518
94	A bill for the relief of James Hillman.	251	252	338			
95	A bill for the relief of Daniel Ingalls.	172	172	189, 403	403	408, 410	414
96	A bill for the relief of the heirs of William Evans.	251	252				

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Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
105	A bill to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union.	340	341	396	482	489, 490	529
106	A bill granting certain lands to the Territory of Iowa, to aid in the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river in said Territory.	339	341	365	498	509, 510, 512	517
109	A bill to carry into effect a convention between the United States and the republic of Peru, concluded at Lima, the 17th day of March, 1841.	492	492	498	498	505, 510	516
111	A bill for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Success.	285	286				
112	A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Bird -	286	286	384			
113	A bill for the relief of the owner and crew of the schooner Tancred.	299	299	477	502	506, 512	517
116	A bill making an appropriation for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847.	293	294	304, 399	485	509, 513	528
121	A bill to repeal that part of the act of the 30th August, 1842, which imposes a duty of 20 per cent. ad valorem on Java coffee, and to refund the discriminating tonnage duties levied on Spanish vessels (except those from Cuba and Porto Rico) by the act of the 13th July, 1832, and to prohibit such duties hereafter.	278	279	382, 440	440	462, 463, 465	419
122	A bill for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones.	321	321	389, 406, 428	501	507, 511	518
123	A bill for the relief of Samuel Jorden -	251	252	411	501	506, 512	519
128	A bill relative to collectors and other officers of the customs.	128	129	130	137	140, 144	151
129	A bill authorizing the payment of certain claims of the State of Alabama.	172	172	525	525	527, 529	529
130	A bill for the relief of Nathan Smith, Charles K. Smith, and others.	321	321	477	502	506, 512	517
131	A bill for the relief of Adam McCulloch	172	172	227, 403	403	408, 410	414
132	A bill for the relief of Emanuel Berri and John M. Reese.	374	377	457			
136	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Doctor John Gray, deceased.	332	332	389	502	507, 511	517
142	A bill for the relief of Wiley B. Parnell, of Blount county, Alabama.	243	243	471	501	509, 510, 512	517
145	A bill providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico.	287	287	287	287	292	293
146	A bill for the relief of John Stockton, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States.	332	332				
149	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton.	426	428	437, 487	487	490, 492, 496	496
154	A bill for the relief of Isabella Baldridge, widow of Captain John Baldridge.	243	243	245, 413	413	417, 424	426
155	A bill for the relief of Sampson Brown -	243	243	245, 403	403	408, 411	414
156	A bill for the relief of Silas Waterman, of the county of Washington and State of Vermont.	444	448	480			
157	A bill granting a pension to Orris Crosby	332	332	338	499	506, 511	517

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Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate	Other proceedings.	Approved.
158	A bill granting a pension to Elijah C. Babbet.	332	332	389	499	506, 510	518
159	A bill to authorize the agent for paying pensions at Cincinnati to pay John Wing any arrears of pension money due to Dorothy Terrill, deceased.	374	377	486			
162	A bill for the relief of Isaiah Parker -	332	332	338	499	506, 511	517
164	A bill for the relief of Elisha H. Holmes	444	448				
165	A bill for the relief of Samuel D. Enochs	332	332	389	501	507, 511	517
166	A bill for the relief of Gregory Thomas and others.	444	448	462	502	506, 512	517
167	A bill for the relief of N. and L. Dana & Co.	374	377	457			
168	A bill for the relief of Philip & Eliphalet Greeley.	374	377	457			
172	A bill for the relief of John G. McCloud, of Linn county, Missouri.	374	377	384	499	506, 511	518
173	A bill to confirm an entry of land made by the administrator of James Anderson, deceased, of Iowa Territory.	374	377	384	499	506, 510	518
174	A bill to regulate the proceedings in the circuit and district courts of the United States, and for other purposes.	489	493	495	495	509, 513	528
179	A bill to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for certain objects made for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1846.	219	219	244, 246	253	274, 276, 277 278, 279	285
180	A bill making an appropriation to enable the President of the United States to receive from the State of Texas the cession of certain property.	137	137	148, 496			
181	A bill for the relief of Langtry & Jenkins	243	243	335	499	506, 511	518
182	A bill for the relief of John R. Williams	251	252	297, 326	498	506, 511	518
190	A bill for the relief of Chas. M. McKenzie.	251	252	263, 413	413	417, 424	426
192	A bill to enlarge the powers of the several orphans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia.	146	147	155	155	160	163
194	A bill for the relief of Abraham Horback	404	405	418, 471, 495 500	526	527, 529	529
196	A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Cyrus Turner, deceased.	404	405	425	501	507, 512	517
204	A bill for the relief of Daniel H. Warren	419	421	437	502	507, 511	518
207	A bill for the relief of Peter Rife -	419	421	437	502	507, 512	519
209	A bill for the relief of George Roush -	419	421	477			
210	A bill for the relief of Patrick Kelly, sen., of the county of Indiana, State of Pennsylvania.	419	421	439	502	506, 512	518
215	A bill to amend the act approved April 2, 1844, entitled "An act directing the disposition of certain unclaimed goods, wares, or merchandise, seized for being illegally imported into the United States."	151	151	188	498	506, 511	517
217	A bill declaratory of the powers, and legalizing certain acts, of the chief clerk of the Patent Office.	151	151	159, 364, 383 480	493		
220	A bill for the relief of William Ligon -	419	421				

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Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
229	A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Kelly.	419	421	422	501	507, 511	518
230	A bill to pay Captain John B. Crozier's company of mounted volunteers, Tennessee militia.	419	420				
232	A bill further to amend "An act supplementary to an act to fix the value of certain moneys of account in computation at the custom-house," approved March 3, 1845.	197	217	-	304	307, 309	311
233	A bill for the relief of John Chasseaud, the consul of the United States for Syria and Palestine.	274	449	449	449	454, 463	479
235	A bill to grant the right of pre-emption to actual settlers on the lands acquired by treaty from the Miami Indians in Indiana.	274	426	459	459	463, 465	479
236	A bill for the relief of Eli Merrill -	419	421	422	501	507, 511	518
237	A bill to amend the act entitled "An act to grant a quantity of land to the Territory of Wisconsin, for the purpose of aiding in opening a canal to connect the waters of lake Michigan with those of Rock river."	337	339	365, 495			
239	A bill for the relief of Ebenezer Conant, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York.	419	421	439	501	509, 510, 512	517
244	A bill for the relief of Lois Mattison, of the county of Jefferson, State of New York.	419	421	456	502	507, 511	518
245	A bill for the relief of Capt. John Patton	419	421	456	503	506, 511	518
248	A bill to regulate the mileage of Senators	163	163				
254	A bill for the relief of Solomon Russell, of the county of Somerset, in the State of Maine.	419	421	422	501	507, 511	518
259	A bill to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia.	286	286	356, 381	384	385, 386, 389	400
260	A bill to repeal the act requiring one of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia hereafter to reside in Alexandria.	166	166	168	200	203, 208, 214	214
266	A bill for the relief of James Gee -	419	421	438	501	509, 510, 512	517
268	A bill for the relief of William Pool -	323	325	467	502	507, 511	518
272	A bill to change the time of holding the federal courts in North Carolina.	172	186	403	403	408, 411	414
274	A bill for the relief of Charles W. Bingley	176	179	225, 256, 258	259	285, 292	294
278	A bill for the relief of William Moss -	419	421	495	502	507, 511	518
285	A bill for the relief of Richard Hargrave Lee.	419	420	422	501	507, 511	518
286	A bill making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th June, 1847.	286	286	298, 302, 319 325, 331, 337 350	354	357, 359	371
292	A bill for the relief of Margaret Gwinnup, of Hamilton county, Ohio.	419	421	439	502	507, 511	517
297	A bill more effectually to provide for the enforcement of certain provisions in the treaties of the United States.	496	496	503	503	508, 512	518
298	A bill for the relief of Leah Gray -	419	421	437	502	507, 511	518

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Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
A bill for the relief of Mary Campbell, widow of John Campbell.	419	421	437	502	506, 512	519
A bill for the relief of Lewis Laing -	419	421	438	502	507, 511	518
A bill for the relief of William Gump -	419	421	439	502	507, 511	517
A bill for the relief of John Carr, John Batty, and Samuel Stevenson, seamen on board the whaleship Margaret.	420	421	439	502	507, 511	517
A bill to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington.	307	307	433			
A bill for the relief of John McAlister -	420	421	428	501	506, 512	516
A bill for the relief of James Journey -	420	421	422	501	506, 512	518
A bill for the relief of Jose Caxillo -	420	421	422	501	506, 512	519
A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Murray, jr.	447	448	458			
A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin," approved March 3, 1843, and for other purposes.	339	341	378	472	478, 479, 489	496
A bill for the relief of Jonathan Brown -	420	421	477			
A bill for the relief of Patrick Masterson	420	421	439	502	506, 512	518
A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Betts, of the city of New York.	420	421	456	502	506, 512	518
A bill for the relief of Mary Phelps, of the county of Genesee, State of New York.	420	421	439	502	507, 512	517
A bill for the relief of Mary Segar, of Jefferson county, State of New York.	420	421	461	502	507, 512	517
A bill for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania.	420	421	477			
A bill for the relief of Polly Damron -	420	421	477			
A bill for the relief of Surranus Cobb -	420	421	446	502	507, 512	518
A bill for the relief of Justin Jacobs -	420	421	446	502	507, 512	517
A bill for the relief of Daniel Pratt -	420	421	487	502	507, 512	518
A bill granting a pension to John Campbell, of Garland, in the State of Maine.	420	421	446	502	507, 512	517
A bill for the relief of Joseph Dusseau -	420	421	439	502	507, 512	518
A bill granting a pension to Abraham Ausman.	420	421	446	502	507, 512	517
A bill for the relief of Griffin Kelly -	420	421	433	502	507, 512	519
A bill for the relief of Benjamin Allen -	423	425	433	502	507, 511	518
A bill for the relief of Aquilla Green -	423	425	456	502	507, 511	518
A bill for the relief of Phineas Capen, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, legal administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston.	423	425				
A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Richard C. Allen, deceased.	423	425	505, 526			
A bill for the relief of John Milsted, of Escambia county, Florida.	423	425	437	502	507, 511	518
A bill to equalize the compensation of the surveyors general of the public lands of the United States, and for other purposes.	339	341	349	499	506, 510	517
A bill to grant a certain quantity of land to aid in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and to connect the same by a canal in the Territory of Wisconsin.	339	341	365	494	506, 511	517

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Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
377	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Ruddle.	423	425	495	502	507, 511	517
384	A bill reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes.	386	387	406, 410, 412 414, 417, 421 424, 428, 430 433, 434, 438 444, 445, 447 449, 451, 452	452	457, 458, 461	467
388	A bill for the relief of Joseph Curwen, surviving partner of Willig & Curwen.	423	425	466			
390	A bill for the relief of the owners of the ship Herald, of Baltimore.	423	425	456	502	507	518
392	A bill for the relief of William B. Lang -	423	425	466, 487	502	507, 511	519
396	A bill for the relief of David Thomas, of the city of Philadelphia.	422	425				
398	A bill for the relief of Elisha H. Richards	423	425				
408	A bill to authorize the constituted authorities of the county of Polk, in the Territory of Iowa, to enter a quarter-section of land for a seat of justice.	339	341	345	499	506, 510	518
439	A bill disaffirming all laws of the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin granting banking privileges.	339	341	396, 499			
445	A bill to establish an additional land office in Iowa.	340	341	358	494	509, 510, 512	517
449	A bill making copies of papers certified by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives legal evidence.	307	307	309	497	509, 513	528
450	A bill for the allowance of drawback on foreign merchandise imported into certain districts of the United States from the British North American provinces, and exported to foreign countries.	309	323	496	496	506, 511	518
454	A bill further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.	342	342	431	440	444, 446, 447	467
457	A bill to provide for the distribution of the laws and treaties of the United States, published by Little & Brown, under the provisions of the resolution of Congress approved March 3, 1845, and for other purposes.	423	425	472, 510	510	513	528
459	A bill in relation to the payment of claims	429	432	439	439	444, 446, 447	467
491	A bill making appropriations for the support of volunteers and other troops authorized to be employed in the prosecution of the war with Mexico during the year ending June 30, 1847.	417	417	422	422	423, 494, 497	431
492	A bill to authorize the issue of treasury notes and a loan.	412	412	415, 419	494	494, 496, 498 434	439
510	A bill for the relief of Amos Hunting -	409	409	422	501	507, 511	518
515	A bill making appropriations for certain objects of expenditure therein specified.	427	428	429, 432	432	433, 434, 439	448
526	A bill supplementary to the act passed February 20, 1826, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the several or-	444	448	465	502	507, 512	519

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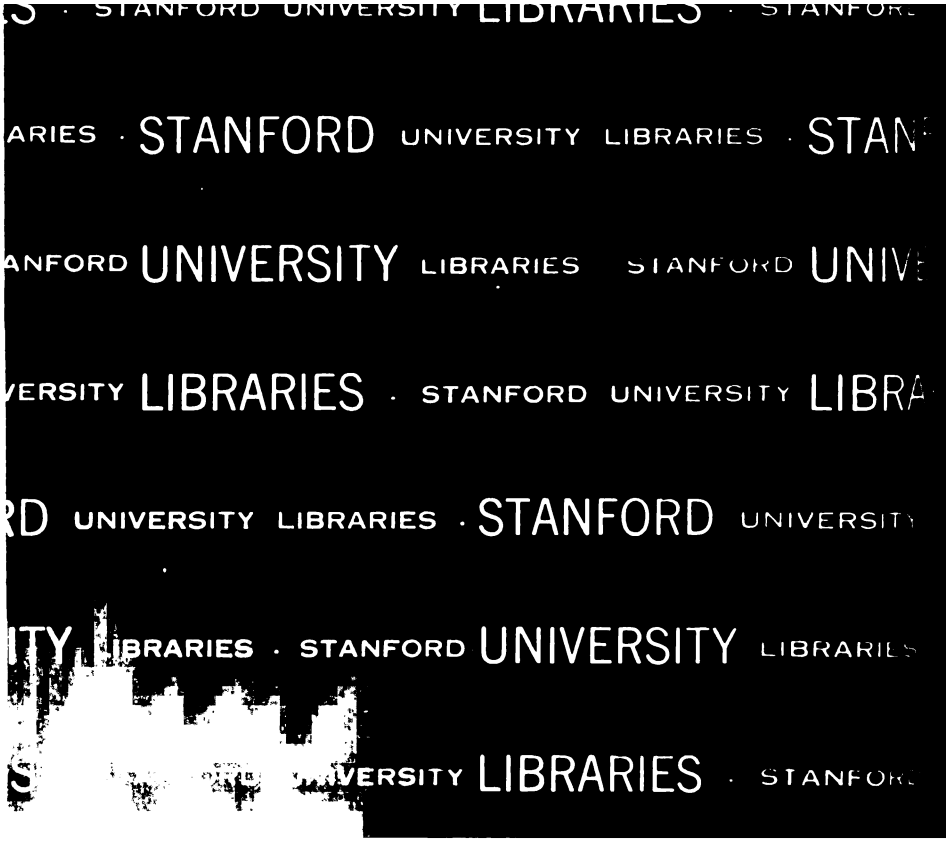
Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
	phans' courts held in and for the District of Columbia."						
531	A bill to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes.	496	496	526			
533	A bill to establish a territorial government in Oregon.	492	492	505			
534	A bill making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.	524	527	530			

RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
2	Resolution for the admission of Texas into the Union.	50	50	64	64	70, 74, 75	81
4	Resolution relative to the printing and distribution of the annual estimates.	83	83	83	83	84, 89	95
5	Resolution of notice to Great Britain to annul and abrogate the convention between Great Britain and the United States of August 6, 1827, relative to the country on the northwest coast of America westward of the Stony mountains, commonly called Oregon.	143	144	156, 246	246	252, 255, 256 260, 261, 264	28
6	Resolution authorizing the erection on the public grounds in the city of Washington of a monument to George Washington.	89	92	335, 375, 380 455			
10	Resolution for the relief of Seth M. Leavenworth.	321	321	327	481	489, 490	529
14	Resolution for the relief of Shelden B. Hayes.	404	405	419, 420, 465	501	509, 513	538
23	Resolution for the relief of John B. Denton	420	421	487	503	508, 513	518
29	Resolution affirming a certain act of the legislative assembly of Wisconsin.	286	286	396			
31	Resolution to correct a clerical error -	292	294	294	294	295, 296	311
34	Resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, his officers and men.	318	319	322, 358, 390	390	404, 410, 414	418
35	Resolution authorizing the appointment of a joint committee of Congress to attend the annual examination of the West Point Academy.	318	319				
37	Resolution to refund to States and individuals expenses incurred by them under calls for militia and volunteers made by Generals Gaines and Taylor.	347	349	360, 390	390	404, 410, 414	418
42	Resolution directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two houses of Congress.	434	456	459	459	463, 465	479
45	Resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause medals from the trophies of *Palo Alto* and *Resaca de la Palma* to be made and distributed.	414	415	438			
46	Resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to adjudicate the claims of the Su-quah-natch-ah, and other clans of Choctaw Indians, whose cases were left undetermined by the commissioners, for the want of the township maps.	444	448	448	448	454, 457, 463	479
47	Resolution directing the payment of certain volunteers and militia, under the limitations therein prescribed.	496	496	501	501	509, 513	538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